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"OLD NOSE."

Sketch of a Centurian Negro Who Has Died at Sacramento.

HIS QUIRKS AND ODDITIES.

Recollections of the Oldest Man That I Ever Remember to Have Seen.—His Sayings and Oddities.

It lacks but a few weeks of forty years since I first landed in Sacramento which was then a miniature St Louis A dozen light draft steamers with bows as broad for their length as a table spoon met at this point the sharp modelled low pressure boats that run daily t San Francisco, the tubelope Senator California New World Surprise and Wilson G Hunt two of which have since plied their busy errands on the Columbia and Willamette There were great hay yards in the eastern portion of the city covering often an entire block of land and containing hundreds of hungry horses and mules, while the enormous prairie schooners that ran up into the mining towns along the American Cosumnes, and South Yuba rivers were ranged upon the outside like parks of artillery Walking up J street in those days after 9 o clock in the morning you would have to wade through a perfect sea of humanity representing

EVERY NATION UNDER THE SUN,

As they jostled against one another in the hurry-scurry of that restless era Between Second and Third streets was the popular Antelope restaurant in front of which was a boot black stand kept by an aged colored man with a pet jecting chin that went out on the run errand to meet his nose, which though flat was quite small Above it deeply set in his head two small eyes glanced as nervously and with as much of search in their look as those of a ferret His hair was already gray, as was the straggling growth of beard on his narrow chin and the shaggy eyebrows that roofed his small and watchful eyes But it was not his face alone that denoted age in the man It was the beat frame the rickety walk and the gibberish speech the idiotic laugh and the silly chuckle that denoted his senility He could not by any possibility have been less than seventy years of age On his chair was hung a small tin sign inscribed

'MOSES AND THE PROFITS'

Which was painted to the order of J G Hyer, an eccentric lawyer of that city and by him presented to the aged African One day while J hn C Barr was city recorder an office was legone to our police judge old Mose was brought up in court on the charge of assault and battery committed upon the person of a mule named Albert Waters, who was not to exceed twenty eight or thirty years of age Officer Jerry Race who made the arrest, testified at about 4 o'clock in previous afternoon he heard a cry as if for help and went over to the boot black stand where he found Waters lying on the sidewalk with a severe cut over his left eye and that the defendant Mose stood by with a blacking brush in his hand and was heard to remark

Jes a lad mo re But if I kinnn across de plains I ad all de way obet de plains—and I m bat I now Hance the arrest!

DO YOU WISH COUNSEL?

Asked the court of the prisoner Here Mr J G Hyer stepped up and offered to defend Mose free of charge, but the aged African would hat have it He rose in his seat and said

Jedge ef I tell you de truth about dis yer scrape well we make me have a lawyer after all?

Not at all' said Judge Barr scarcely able to conceal his laughter

Well den jedge you see I was a contraversion wid annuddier cullerd person when dis yer galvanized nigger came up and stunk in his ear He can hyar a man whisper free blocks off and I told him to go way from dar He peared to be interested in de talk and I tole him to walk off—I didn t want to hab no prevous difficulty wid him He wouldn t go den I finally got mad and I took de blackin' brush and I hit him sich a paster in de nuset Oh man! and den he come down here and sued me for self defense

THE COURT RANG WITH LAUGHTER

As Judge Barr said quietly

Well Mose the district attorney will be instructed to enter a *nolle prosequi*

But don't go, Judge I'se an hab able man and I demand my hit' able acquittal'

Precisely so, Mose. The court holds you not guilty" said Judge Barr

Bye golly dat's just what I'se been try'n to tell de court for de last half-hour" and the aged African, as he hobbled out of court

He used to charge two bits a pair for black ing boots and at that time it was so ng money I used to delight in talking to the genial old fellow He said he was born in Africa—his mother had told him so when he was a pican inny And she had died about the time of the battle of New Orleans when he was a man grown He had been a slave, the property of a Mississippi gentleman who brought him to California in 1848

TO COOK FOR HIM

In the diggings on the north fork of the American river Being very successful in the mines his master desired to return to the land of the magnolia and had given "Mose" his freedom So "Mose" went to work blacking boots, Alfred Carr, now an aged colored person of sporting proclivities, tells the following laughable story at Mose's expense A saloon kept by a colored man named Jilson Fuller was the favorite resort of the barbers, boothlacks and steamboat waiters of that period, and there was occasionally a good deal of high play. One night Mose came in and a game of poker was proposed As they had no ivory chips, it was proposed to shell off a lot of corn and deal it out They made old Mose the banker and he said

'Affde we all pafficky boo'ables gummea and only pinv keerds for amusements yot ud be well to remember dat

DEARE'M A CASE GAME

And whoever has de bank am 'speched to redeem de corn

About midnight the game had broken up and there was Mose with about seven dollars in his pocket and some ten or twelve dollars worth of corn out against him Mose reckoned all that he had money for whom somebody said

Mose didn t you say that whoever was de banker when de game closed would hab to redeem the corn

Yas indeed said Mose with a sorrowful look I feel as dat but I was a little dim [illegible]

From the layout of [illegible] it the cellar was assembled a crowd but the other was one of the rose climbing kind He would drink when he could get it and as for fighting he'd sell his shirt for roast possum of his boyhood days

WHEN THE CIVIL WAR BEGAN

Mose was very much committed for a time and refused to take sides He finally began to show a great admiration for Gen Grant One day the late James W Coffee that I missed had been getting our boots blacked at his stand and Jim proposed we should have some fun and Jim proposed we should have some fun with the old fellow He began

Well Mose what do you think of the battle they've been a fighting at Gettysburg

Well I dunno what to think But as Jimral Mackie don t make such a job as Jimral Grant would to

Of Grant's account he never was a bigger fighter [illegible] Coffroth

Who d'ye mean de battle ob Vicksburg?

Ol Tom Benton threw off that fight, says Coffroth

Yas I d Co for I s told Mose even just keep on a follerin Mister Grant and he'll make ver all fre w off'

HIS SHREWD WIT

Was manifested one day when a young fellow who was clerk in the adjutant general's office went to pay him for a month s work Green backs had just come in vogue and were worth about seventy cents in gold This young man used to pay Mose five dollars per month for keeping his shoes in order and it was the end of the month He handed Mose a five-dollar greenback and Mose handed it back to him with a glance that was half-idiotic and bland

Say boss spose I was to lone give me a five dollar gold piece?

Why Mose that s five dollars fast enough to lend the clerk

Dat's so but you see dat kind a money s good enough for a nidneat fellow like you but soft But it won t do for me because I can t read'

Mose got the gold piece

RETURNS FROM A MISSION

Along in 1860 Mose and his wheezy stand had disappeared For several weeks I missed the old fellow but was told he had located a ranch for him s If in northeast portion of the county near where the Central Pacific bridge spans the American river He seldom came down town at first, being engaged in fitting up his shanty At length he began his daily raids into the city With his gunny sack upon his back guarded as he said solely by cur he had been a daily sight to diminish and the wonder and admiration of the rough urchins who would gather in groups as he passed grin upon him in open eyed astonish ment and whisper to each other that he was more'n a hundred years old The saloon keepers and restaurant men all knew him and he would get a cup of beer at one place and a ragged ham bone at another which he would take out home with him and fraternize in the company of his dogs cats chickens and a solitary pig as black as himself

THE ADVENTURER RETURNS.

Was changed In nothing save that he was a little older than ever In 1871 I spent a week at Sacramento in the enjoyment of old scenes and old friends One day it occurred to me that I had not seen Mose since my return from Oregon, so I got his address from the chief of police

You had better take along a weapon," he added

A half hours walk, for it was cool and bracing October weather brought me to a demoralized looking shanty on the roof of which some pigeons were walking around and a dozen or so of chickens scratching up the gravel A thin veil of smoke issuing from the chimney told that the aged occupant was not far off I did not try the gate but stood out in the street and called out loudly for Mose At once a half dozen mangy curs began to rush and bark at Pandemonium has been let loose Then I heard a thin voice admonishing the savage brutes to be quiet At last

THE DOOR OPENED

And the bent form of the wrinkled negro came dragging slowly to the dark jaw of which it had been a way He advanced slowly to me and asked

Bossy whadlor you want hyar?

Well Mose I see you don t recollect me at all Then I told him who I was and the old man s face lit up with a smile I could not get back to Oreg n without coming to see you Uncle Moses I added

Oregon, mused the old man who seemed across a hallowed man up dar name d Dixie Bus a lumber and lives in a town called Lamps

I replied that Dixie was to known to me Well dye know anybody in Portland

I replied that I was somewhat acquainted h r

I done got two free a up dar said Mose and I hear from em casbually Alf hyarn le done kep saloon for a long time dar and the other man s name is Henry Jones Dey call him Hank for short and he carries a cane.

A STRIP OF PLASTER

Over the old man s right eye attracted my attention at this juncture I asked Mose what s the matter with your eye?

Oh I had a scrap la night down town replied the remorseful African

Just think of it! A hundred years of want, privation and forbearance, had not been able to efface the pugnacity of the African race It was a good bet that Mose was forty-five years older than the man who had struck him Well Mose, said I here s cigar for you and a vial of corn juice that I brought out

Hyar s your health, said the old man as he gurgled a thimbleful down his neck Well, young gemman, I spec I d better go an feed my hany I done hear him a squealin' for his breakfuss a long time and he'll down dat ar pen of s don t swill hum up pretty soon So long hoss The oldest man I ever saw, alas! the last I ever saw disappeared

HIS EXACT AGE.

No one could tell for he really did not know himself But he does to d me that when he was a little boy they d d nothing but talk about the war with England that was just over He remarked that he "specked he was 'roun' on 140 He always attributed his longevity rather to his good works than to a strong constitution His master whom he accompanied to California in the early times died, and to haunt up records on a plantation would be a good deal like hunting for needles in a haystack. My only reason for thinking him over a hundred years of age was that he had lived thirty three years in Calif rnia and that he was stout over and grizzled when he came thar looking older than any other man white or black that walked those busy streets In 1853 his jaws were scarcely toothless I shall never forget the solemnity with which he once told me, My old mammy died when I was a little boy She s dead more n a hundred year

A LANDMARK OBLITERATED.

For a few weeks past, the old fellow had been too feeble to go down town for his daily begging tours An old neighbor named J F Smith kindly furnished him with many little necessaries and on the morning of the 24th he wondered why the old man had not been over for his allowance His wife said I'll just make up a little basket for old Mose and you can take it over to him We have plenty and can spare it The kindhearted gentleman took the basket and trudged over the frozen ground to the cabin No smoke came from the chimney and as he opened the gate the bark of a dog came forth wounded feeble and hungry He opened the door and there lay old Mose on his dirty bed with his scrawny gray locks, a cold hand The old man had gone to spend his Christmas in another and a better world' M

KISSING TAKE COOK.

A Fashionable Amusement for Nice Young Men in Washington City.

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Say thing new always something new and yet there is nothing new under the sun People must be amused at a there are fashions in amusements just as there are in anything else What amused the inhabitants of the world one hundred years ago will only weary the denizens of the globe to day What was new last year is worthless this season A new and novel parlor amusement for parties has recently been invented The boys and girls are seated in a row an each one has a chair in front of her A young man is ushered out of the room and chooses his seat As soon as he is seated the young lady behind him produces Uncle Old him with a silk hat ther [illegible] This being accomplished the negro comes in from the kitchen his eyes rolling and returns to her abiding place The hat is removed and the youth stands proudly to a seat on the opposite of the room where he licks his lips with great satisfaction and smiles at the girl who blindfolded in [illegible] young man No 2 is led in and served in a like manner to the great disgust of young man No 1 and the fun ral enjoyment of the fem ale assembly

A CLOSE SHOT.

How a Boy's Cool Hand Lifted a Mortgage on His Mother's Farm.

DRILLING THE CENTER.

He Prices Temptation to Skiing out the Finer Points in a Boy's Nature Fred Dewey's Trick at Petticoat Pike in Virginia City.

John Dewey had been a powerful man in his day but the cares and sorrows of pioneer life had begun to tell upon his once stalwart frame He was a man of middle fifty years of age slightly stooped and had a dry hacking cough His wife had come out from Kentucky to him bringing with her the two children a boy and a girl If you go to his claim on the Jo ith fork of Feather river and with about $8000 started for San Francisco where he met his family He bought a small farm near San Jose for half its value and commenced operating We will not go into details of five dollars to the man and [illegible] that The counted up a goodly sum before the day was ended He laughed as he planked down the X X for the boy to shoot against the world gauntlet

DAVE DRAINED

I saw the rifle and a loud clang from the bell announced that he had driven the center He stepped aside to Fred who banged away and also rang the bell Here was a tie They had to shoot off Come Joe double up old man' said Bradner make it forty-five trip All right says Joe I suppose we let the lead go with the hide

Bradner now shot and hit the next ring to the bull s eye Fred picked up the rifle and Stanley looked into the lad a determined face and said

One two or three hundred dollars he beats Brad

I take you replied Bradner

Crack, went the sharp report of the gun and a loud clang denoted that Fred had again rang the bell and won the money

SHE CITY WAS KEPT UP

Nearly all the afternoon and sometimes old Brad would beat the boy But at the close of the shooting, Joe Stanley was about $1200 ahead and said

Brad, I'll give you a chance to get even I'll bet you $5000 this boy can beat you 51 shots out of a hundred, string measure, to-morrow at noon

That night Joe Stanley sat behind his faro table and was pulling the cards out nonchalantly when Tankesley entered and walking up to the table asked

Joe what s your limit?

Your conscience sir—but what you like" Tankesley pulled a check for $1 000 from his pocket and [illegible] which he took $600 and laid it on the deuce The treachery was all lost on the next turn Tankesley put down $1 200 on the nine and it

SHARED A LIKE FATE.

After a few [illegible] were lost he got up and left and $40 from Joe The next day the story was afloat that Mr Tankesley had gone to the springs leaving behind a host of mourning creditors The big shooting match was to come off the same day and Joe Stanley was confident of the boy's aim He went in a double buggy stopping at every saloon he could find and boasting, from $500 to $1000 before he got out of the house The shoot was to take place on a hillside near the Sierra Nevada hoisting works and a large crowd had gathered to witness the event [illegible]

ON THE FIELD

It was that human thrill which in the farmer some features who wanted it and go into bear Joe to live where she and her daughter Elsie could [illegible] in seeing, while he was to go to the miners [illegible] farm

Wyson said Mrs Dewey you don t know what you are saying The debt would scarcely more than pay the interest on the mortgage Do you know what interest is It is the only thing that is anything like perpetual motion You may sell and your lods takes a rest but interest no sleeps

Now in the last [illegible] you see it impossible for me to pay this farm pay with only you and Ellen We can rent the place for sixty dollars per month and I will go to the mines

Yes and catch your death from exposure like your poor father did' said his mother

Nothing of the kind replied Fred I calculate to work under ground

FOUR WEEKS AFTER THIS

Mrs. Dewey and her daughter had rented the farm for $300 a year and Freddy has gone to Virginia City where he hoped to find work in some of the great mines at that place But he was doomed to disappointment All the work in those mines was controlled by the self styled "Labor Unions which are filling up the jails with hoodlums by refusing to allow boys to be taken as apprentices After walking the streets for a week and becoming heartsick and footsore, he secured a position in a livery stable at forty dollars per month and his board The stable keeper was a retired stage driver who had persuaded a bonanza millionaire to put up for him and was doing a good business He could not stand prosperity however and was already gambling very heavily at poker and faro games, with which the town fairly swarmed

EIGHT MONTHS ROLLED BY

During which Mr Tankesley raised Fred s salary to fifty dollars per month, for he was now a very useful man about the stable One morning the great heavy stages came rolling into town over the Geiger grade and in their mails was a letter for Fred Dewey In it his mother informed him that the first note of the mortgage was due the following week and she had kept up the interest all along, but if the note was not paid within two weeks from the date of the letter a foreclosure suit would be brought, and that would leave them nothing The poor boy was nearly beside himself with grief as he looked at the dark prospect ahead of his mother and sister Just then in came Bill Geary a friend of the proprietor s and asked Fred to change a twenty-dollar piece

I cannot do it I have no money said Fred

'Look in the safe replied Bill

Answered Fred you see Mr Tankesley generally keeps enough change in the desk drawer but he did not allow anybody to touch the safe

It can t make any difference said Bill

It can t as if I was a mantu to borrow it, and Tank would give it to me sure if he was here Now you see that safe drawer and change this for me and I ll stand between you and [illegible] drawer in Tank

Pitchin pulled out the drawer and took a ten dollar piece and two five which he handed to Fred as he stood left the room and after he had gone Fred stood abstractedly looking into the drawer No [illegible] drawer There were several silver dollars in it for it was the first day of the month All gold was paid in [illegible] Only [illegible] Fred thought dropped into the old Delia for

A DRINK AND A TIP

And left rather hurriedly in order to take a look at a game of faro that was running in the next room Fred would rush just $20 and either lose that or win a hundred Before the latter alternative must s he had lost $80 and walked away cursing his bad luck As he came out of the stable he saw Fred Dewey standing over the open drawer of the safe

What are you doing there' he demanded in a sharp tone of voice

Nothing, sir I just changed a twenty-dollar piece for Billy Geary sir answered Fred

That s an infernal lie I met Bill Geary three blocks down the street, said Tankesley who was smarting over his losses Do you know I believe you re a d—d little thief and have been rifling the drawer!

The blood rushed to Fred s face and

WITH A SPRING

He landed well between the eyes he felled him Tankesley to the floor as easily as if he had been a sick girl Then pulling on his hat he walked out into the cold and wintry street He knew he was liable to arrest for striking anybody more especially his employer He walked up towards the north end of town and with no design for the future, walked listlessly into a shooting gallery where a half-dozen sporting men were standing and chatting at one another

Look at that John Dave, but I s pose I ll have to pay for my joke like anybody else Young stranger I said I d match the first man that came in against Dan Bradner So you d have to shoot and if you beat him I ll pay you well for it It ll be at carrom off horses'

TOO STARTLED FOR SPEECH

Was a splendid specimen of physical manhood and put up $20 that the unknown boy could not beat Dave Bradner Joe was one of a fast dashing race a gambler who dealt for the legitimate percentage of the game Among the business men of the great mining metropolis he was well known as good as any ordinary man's note never had his name been coupled with any crooked transaction If the banks were closed in the evening, all you had to do was to draw out stock to the money could be forthcoming His off hours were thoroughly and so was his little girls

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THE MORNING KISS

Up at the window a sweet of lace
Held sway by a wee, white hand,
Up of the window a little face,
Sweet as thought of fairy land
Down below in the quiet and moor,
Waiting a moment, a manly form;
Needless of winds that to and fro
Sullenly drive the winter storm

Quick! the car is coming in sight!
One swift glance at the face above,
Dimpled now with a smile so bright,
Answering back that look of love,
"Good-bye, hope!" the darling cries,
Wafting a kiss from her finger tips,
Pure as the light in her soft pure eyes
Sweet as the blossom of her dewy lips

He in the cold-robbed office dim,
And he the cares of a busy day,
She to her lessons and morning hymn
Braided together bits of play
He of many a step afraid,
In the slippery paths of town,
She with never a darker shade
Than the fear of a mother's frown

He in the restless race for gold,
Down where the money-changers meet,
Feels the breath of the tempter bold
Sees the pitfalls near his feet
Well for him that the clouded skies
Clear when he lifts the latch of home
Well that into this paradise
Never the tempter dares to come

Every night in her robe of white
Down the mantle by her little bed
Every night the angels bright
Never unseen above her head
There is his mother! God who hears
That dear baby will hear him, too
Out of the dust of forgetful years
Struggles his prayers to the Father true

Down in the street, in the snow and sleet
Waits the man in his middle age,
Up at the window, sheltered, a sweet
Wistful face of a child [illegible]
Winter's breath in the eager town
She to her lessons and her play,
After she throws her kisses down
—*Mrs M E Sangster*

HISTRIONIC SUCCESS.

Ex-Cathedra Opinions Upon the Matter from Some Old Professionals.

FROM BEHIND THE CURTAINS.

The Stage Notes a Thousand Professions, No One Can Have the Secret Handed by Heredity—Acting to be Long and Severe Study.

Six representative actors and actresses contribute to the *North American Review*, short papers on success on the stage. What is perhaps most remarkable about these papers is their substantial agreement concerning the qualities most essential to success. Patient and hard work, for instance, they all insist upon, as well as natural adaptableness. Mr. McCullough's paper, so well is it written and so marked by clear intelligence and thoughtfulness, comes to us almost as a revelation, so unused is one to discourse of him as a practiced or graceful writer. "Health and fair personal appearance," he names first, then "flexibility of feature and grace of movement" "strong intelligence—the capacity to feel lofty emotions, and to make others feel them, and, finally, "untiring industry. On the latter point he says

"The young man who expects to find a royal road' to eminence in the dramatic profession who expects to get on without unremitting labor, patient study, and, so far as the frivolities and dissipations of life and society go unrelenting self-denial, will inevitably be bitterly disappointed. There are no exceptions to this iron rule. There is not an eminent actor on the stage who cannot look back to years when the hours which, to many of his companions, were hours of leisure and jollity, were to him hours of hard, patient, often apparently fruitless study. Probably every one of them also can recall companions who started in the race with every advantage of health strength voice, manly beauty intelligence, and dramatic instinct, who have long been distanced, solely from a lack of this capacity for patient industry. The stage is full to-day of men of fair intelligence who cannot, or at least do not, succeed all the energy of an earnest purpose to understanding the meaning of the lines they speak. It is a grievous mistake to think the actor's life an easy one, Eminence aside, and it is a far more grievous mistake to fancy that the grace and beauty of Apollo and the genius of Roscius—all the divine gifts that could be concentrated in one man—can win histrionic greatness without hard close painful work. And yet to him who is imbued with a genuine love of the art that art is in itself ample compensation for all the labor and the pain."

Mr Barrett, Miss Mitchell, and Mr Warren all point out that the young actor should if possible, get into a good stock company. Though all admit the difficulty nowadays of so doing, since very few theatres are managed with stock companies. Mr. Barrett says the beginner must begin at the bottom, and that no qualification can overcome this necessity. "The greatest actors have been the hardest workers." The faults of all beginners gifted though they may be, are, he says, "the faults of over-doing, extreme anxiety, awkwardness arising from timidity, over-sensitiveness and inexperience," all of which to be overcome require industry, patience experience, and good taste. Of this fault Mr Warren speaks in very much the same words. Young actors, he says, over act over-dress, and over grimace until acting ceases to be comedy and becomes burlesque. Mr Jefferson remarks that a successful actor "must be gifted with sensibility imagination, and personal magnetism." He must begin his art at the foundation, or the superstructure can scarcely stand. Mme Modjeska has "never seen genius succeed without labor." Actors must be born she says "with a certain amount of native talent" although she believes a person deprived of these natural gifts, if possessed of 'an average amount of intelligence," may, by careful and judicious training acquire a sufficient amount of technical knowledge to enable him or her to fill respectably the minor parts in a good ensemble. In Miss Mitchell's paper there are a few lines that possess a personal interest

'It would be bold for me to pretend to decry the chances of success for the actress of the future. It is a lottery, this profession of ours, in which even the prizes are, after all not very considerable. My own days spent most of them far from my children and the comforts and delights of my home, are full of exhausting labor. Rehearsals and other business occupy me from early morning to the hour of performance, with brief intervals for rest and food and a little sleep. In the best hotels my time is so invaded that I can scarcely live comfortably, much less luxuriously. At the worst existence becomes a torment and a burden. I am the eager, yet weary slave of my profession and the best is can do for me—who am fortunate enough to be included among its successful members—is to barely palliate the suffering of a 40 weeks' exile from my own house and my family. For those of our calling who have to make this weary round, year after year with disappointed ambitions and defeated hopes as their inseparable company I can feel from the bottom of my heart. Each season makes the life harder and drearier each year robs it of one more prospect, one more chance one more more opportunity to try and catch the fleeting bubble in another field.'

An Alleged Raphael Picture.

An Englishman who owns an alleged Raphael the Madonna of the Candelabra," has brought it over to New York and is trying to sell it to the Metropolitan museum for $200 000. It is gratifying to notice a general protest from artists and amateurs against any such foolish extravagance. Whether the picture was painted in Raphael's second or third period, whether he painted all or only a part of it and the other questions which the experts are discussing, would be of no consequence if the picture were one of intrinsic importance, but this it confessedly is not. There are Raphaels and Raphaels—some great pictures that all the world admires and that are absolutely priceless, and a great many minor works that have more or less of beauty and value but are by no means the most important things for a museum to possess. The former class, to be sure are not often in the market, but the latter are, and when they are hawked about the world it is generally a sign that they are not as valuable as their owner believes. It would be a nice thing to have the 'Madonna of the Candelabra" in this country, if it could be 'picked up advantageously, but the idea of spending a fortune upon it is preposterous and could never have been suggested but for the massive evidences heretofore given of the ignorant extravagance of American amateurs.

NOTABLE AUTOGRAPHS.

What Some Famous Men and Women Write to a Young Lawyer.

A VERY SKILLFUL COLLECTOR.

A Collection of 1200 Notes and Letters from Many of the Most Prominent People in the Great World.

New York World, Dec 28

Of collectors of autographs, as of stamps and coins, there is no end. But between collecting autographs in general and autographs in particular there is a broad distinction. One collector may boast a thousand autographs in his collection, and yet another, with only a hundred that have been selected with discrimination and to which personal interest attaches, will have the better collection of the two because these are distinctly representative and therefore the more interesting. Mr Edward W Bok, a young man whose residence is in Brooklyn, and who is employed in the law department of the Western Union Telegraph Co., seems to have appreciated this difference, and as a result is the possessor of one of the most valuable autograph collections in the country. His methods have been original from the outset and he has endeavored to add an additional interest to the mere signatures of eminent men and women by having them attached to some sentiment or remarks that can be recognized as characteristic of the writer. Beginning with his father's signature on August 27, 1880, he has since accumulated nearly 1200 names and letters, some of which have been secured by personal interviews, others in response to written requests, and a few through the courtesy of friends. The autography of many of the distinguished persons whose names add a great value to Mr Bok's collection would be the despair of a village schoolmaster, and from the incomprehensible signature of Reverdy Johnson to the bold handwriting of Edison, the inventor, every grade of penmanship can be seen, and in itself would be a study worthy of much time.

Upon a license to plead, which was obtained with great difficulty, is the signature of Queen Victoria, in a bold, masculine hand, which has since been authenticated by Mr Edward Pierrepont, the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Newcastle. The name 'Fredrick Fr. der Nederlanders" can be seen on a paper appointing Dr. Bok, the father of the collector, a grand master of the grand lodge. Another document appointing Dr. Bok minister of justice bears the signature of King William III of the Netherlands. On another document appointing Dr. Bok vice-consul of Holland, appears the signature of Emperor William and Prince Bismarck, and what is especially interesting in this, as an indication of the etiquette of the Prussian court, is the space of six inches between the wavy lines of the "Wilhelm" and the crabbed, stiff "von Bismarck." In comment ing editorially upon this some time ago, the London *News* remarked that it was interesting to discover that the man who made William the emperor of Prussia, could not sign his name within half a foot of his. Next in the list of royal signatures is that of Kalakaua the king of the Sandwich islands, written in plain and bold characters, which was obtained at the hotel Brunswick, through the courtesy of one of the guests. "W E Gladstone" is written on a envelope as a frank which was the only way in which his name could be obtained. You ask 'or a sentiment,' writes the Duke of Argyll. "I can only say in reply that autograph hunters are bad enough, but sentiment hunters are much worse." An order of admission to the house of commons bears John Bright' in legible characters. "*Ayer me cayera genatlon. Buez et Panama*" is De Lesseps's contribution. Among the other distinguished foreigners in public life who add value to this collection are Lord Palmerston, Lord Gordon Lord Mandeville, the Duke of Sutherland, the Duke of Wellington.

Mr Bok's collection of Americans autographs is remarkably complete. The names of nearly all the presidents have been secured, together with a very full list of cabinets from Lincoln's day till now. By a fortunate coincidence Mr Seward's and Mr Blaine's signatures are written on the mourning memorial paper that was [illegible] of the dead president. There are several autographs of U S Grant and one of his wife Julia Hayes' name can be seen written in his weak, effeminate hand. After much persuasion President Garfield sent a brief note and Mrs. Garfield wrote. I have never objected to having my name placed beside General Garfield's. It is pleasant therefore to grant your request. With kind regards very truly yours, Lucretia Randolph Garfield." After her husband's death she wrote again on mourning paper, inclosing the autograph of the late president's aged mother.

Hamilton Fish, W W Belknap, B B Bristow and George M Robeson all appear in the Grant cabinet, and what is singularly characteristic of the latter is that he has written from Camden, N J, and yet upon the Brevoort House note paper. Together with these appear Evarts Wheeler, Sherman, Schurz Thompson Key, Ramsey. The letters from the members of Garfield's cabinet were all written in July and dwell exclusively upon the president's illness. All of Arthur's cabinet have furnished their signatures to Mr Bok. Secretary Howe writes in prophetic vein.

Fondly believing as I do, that the administration of President Arthur will restore unity to the republican party, will promote peace in all sections and add prosperity to all interests in our widespread country I am quite willing that you inscribe me on the roll of his cabinet." The collection is enriched by the autographs of Jefferson Davis and all the members of the confederate cabinet. In reply to a letter from Mr. Bok, asking for some information regarding certain confederate bonds he had in his collection, Mr Davis writes. The theory of the confederate government was to separate the sword from the purse, therefore the treasury was not under the control of the executive. The government cannot have preserved funds for the redemption of their bonds other than the notion subscribed for that purpose. At the termination of the war the United States claiming, to be the successor of the confederate government seized all of its property. I have not heard of any purpose to apply these assets to the payment of the liabilities of the confederacy and therefore have been at a loss to account for the demand which has lately been made for them. A letter from General Sherman complains that nothing is more difficult that to write about nothing. Sheridan McClellan, Hancock Burnside, Rosecrans Kilpatrick, Hooker and Porter are among the other union generals while among the confederates are to be seen the names of Lee Beauregard Early and Johnston. Fitz John Porter's note ought to be of especial interest at this time. Says he "You will find upon examination that the charges made against me in 1862 were signed by Brigadier General Roberts, and General Pope dashed under oath having made them or knowing who made them, although his report of September 1862 and January 1863, contained most of them, and in his report of 1866 he boasts of having brought me to justice. I leave it at liberty to believe whichever of the assertions you select. He ought not to be authority." Mr Bok sent the substance of this letter to General Pope and asked him to make some reply, but he declined on the ground that an autograph album was not the proper place to discuss the subject. Probably the most interesting part of Mr Bok's collection is that which contains the names and writing of literary men and women. No language without reason, no reason without language, writes Max Muller, the great philologist. Another sheet bears the following. Women can resist a man's love a man's fame a man's personal appearance and a man's money but they can not resist a man's tongue when he knows how to talk to them.—*Marie Corelli*. Anthony Trollope kindly writes. This will reach you on your birthday. I can only say I wish I could send you something of more value. As you are a boy and I am an old man you may keep this many years after I am dead and remember that I have told you that in the many books I have written though there is much may be that is vain I take pride to myself in saying there is no bang which is deleterious."

Having found it impossible to secure Tenny son's autograph, Mr Bok finally secured the aid of a young friend in Brooklyn who happened to be named after the Poet Laureate and in reply to a letter written by this young boy came the following

'DEAR YOUNG NAMESAKE. I am not sending you any lines of my own because I am weary of writing my own poetry but I have to make a request of you. very easy to fill. Don's say 'awful sleepy' Awful is slang for very and I hate slang. TENNYSON."

Not to this age nor for this people only writes Matthew Arnold, with an eye to immortality. Robert Browning makes a transcription from 'Cleon," beginning with the line 'We of these latter days with greater minds' In a long letter written from London by Henry James, Jr., is found the following "As my father is even more good-natured than I, he will, perhaps, send you his autograph, though the infinite multiplication of the signature of men of distinction must seem to him, as to me destined to deprive it of the value of rarity. To gather with several of his friends, Mr Bok wrote several times to Charles Reade but with no success. Finally, however, they elicited the following outburst. You little pests, what on earth is the use of my signature except at the foot of checks? I should like to knock your heads together. Bother autographs!" After which his name is signed eight times so as completely to cover the note-paper. To Charles Darwin's note a tender interest ought to attach, for it was written but two days before his death, and in all probability was one of the last things he ever wrote. Says he: 'When a lad I made collections of all sorts of things, and my collections led me to turn to science, and I hope it may have the same effect upon you." There is a letter from Voltaire to Frederick the Great and a letter from Victor Hugo to his friend Professor Regnier. Alexander Dumas writes in French "I weary myself, this is how it begins, he worries me, this is how it ends. Such is in two words the first fault of women." There are also brief notes from Jules Verne and A C Swinburne. Longfellow wrote a transcription from Hiawatha, beginning with the line, 'and the Black Robe Chief made answer, an also sent a note in which he expressed his regret that he had no autograph of Tennyson. The Chambered Nautilus' as written out in full and signed by Holmes, who writes that "memory was giving him a great deal of trouble and it would be very difficult to secure his autograph. Undaunted Mr Bok went to Concord and boarded the train in his den. The sage of Concord received him very courteously and at once granted his request. An illustration of the loss of memory from old age is found in the [illegible] edition of the second "o" in Concord.

Rather an interesting contribution to the history of American literature is the following letter sent by A. Bronson Alcott to Mrs Oakes Smith. 'My daughter Louise has some stories which she would like to see printed in some of the magazines but feeling diffident of offering them herself she asks me to propose them for your reading and acceptance. I think them excellent. We are now settled in Concord, with Emerson and Hawthorne. Whittier contributes a transcription of 'Barnara Fritchie" and a short note in which he alludes to his declining years.

Three days before his death Holland made the following transcription from 'Bitter Sweet" and sent it to Mr Bok

Strong grows the oak in sweeping storm
Safely the flower sleeps under the snow
And the farmer's hearth is never warm
Till the cold wind starts to blow

Paul Hayne writes from Georgia. 'Nothing can touch a writer (especially a poet) more keenly than any evidence of the fact that he has not 'travailled with thought' in vain, but here and there are generous spirits on raport with his own.

"She who neglects to comb her hair," writes Marion Harland, "and draw up her children's stockings, while painting for festivity or accepts an invitation to address a woman's suffrage convention that calls her 100 miles away from home, where the baby lies ill with the croup, would be as selfish in her devotion to her specialty if her choice had fallen on Kensington embroidery or on preserves."

James Parton, in lieu of an autograph sent to Mr Bok three scraps of paper which Horace Greeley used to carry around in his hat as memoranda for editorials yet to be written.

Josh Billings' contribution is the following bit of philosophy. 'The best medicine I know of for rumatism is to thank the Lord that it aint the gout."

Another fascinating part of Mr Bok's collection is that which is devoted to the autograph letters of actors and actresses and he says that this is the part that always attracts the greatest attention and interest. Lawrence Barrett heads the list with these noble words. 'To stand upright among the noble and distinguished in my art and to claim their fellowship on the score of kindred aims and aspirations is as high an eminence as I would ever aspire to." I find much pleasure, sir in obeying your commands, is signed by Lillie Langtry.

Adelina Patti writes. The one and only form of music is melody. No music is complete without melody and both are absolutely inseparable. While another sheet of paper bears several bars of Sullivan's. Let me dream again' written and signed by Christine Nilsson. Among the other names from the profession are Florence Jefferson Booth Modjeska Saddons Salvini and Maggie Mitchell.

A FEMALE FIEND.

A Hungarian Woman that was Hanged for Many Murders.

On the 30th of November, at 10 A M a dreadful woman one Kate Nagy was hanged in Stein an Anger the frontier town between Styria and Hungary. In the annals of crime she will occupy one of the first places for although she confessed to six murders only she was convicted of twenty six, and we may suppose that she committed many more. She found means of obtaining poison from chemists in small provincial towns by pretending to have a house full of rats. The small cakes which she sold in a tiny shop were so universally liked by old and young that she could sell poisoned cakes to the persons who wished to rid themselves of a superfluous relative without arousing suspicion. Her first murder was probably that of her husband and when this remained undiscovered she committed a succession of other murders for which she was paid by the parties for whom she committed them, although her neighbors had long suspected her still no one dared for some time to accuse her of the diabolical crime. She was believed to be very pious and it was chiefly by her aid that the Dominican friars of Stein an Anger were able to found a religious society which gained great influence in the course of years. Although she confessed to six murders the council of justice ordered her only to hard labor for life, but the supreme council appealing, to the high court obtained a death sentence which was signed by the emperor about the middle of last month. Ever since the sentence was communicated to Kate Nagy she spent her days and nights in praying and fasting with her father confessor ever by her side. On Thursday the hangman arrived from Buda Pesth, and Kate Nagy was taken to the place of execution, at the other end of the town. When she appeared in the street every one was surprised to see a meek little woman of about fifty years of age with a kind motherly expression in her small face. She was escorted by a detachment of imperial dragoons and followed by thousands who had come from all parts of the country to see her. As she entered the wooden fence which conceals the gibbet from the eyes of the public she started, for her daughter came up to her and begged leave to enter with her mother. When she was refused she fainted in the arms of some women who had come with her. The hangman fulfilled his terrible task in a few seconds. In the meantime the crowd outside behaved in a most shameful manner. They surrounded the murderess daughter and declared she must be executed also because such a dreadful woman's entire race should be extirpated once for all. The ruffians would have lynched the girl had not a brave woman stood up in her defense, and by her undaunted courage intimidated those near her until some dragoons came to her rescue. Kate Nagy refused to name the persons for whom she prepared her poison so that they can't be prosecuted. *Vienna Corr London Daily News*

The Khedive's Runaway Wife.

The harem of Ismail Pasha ex khedive of Egypt, is making no end of a stir at Naples. The deposed khedive took only seventy three of his women to Naples in the first place about one-fifth of his Cairo harem and subsequently sent forty seven of those back to Egypt as a measure of retrenchment. When the Princess Patty one of his favorites, eloped with the bro her of her Italian music teacher her master bore his loss philosophically but now another Elma Giulu or the Apple Blossom, has run away. She had been flirting with a Neapolitan jeweler for some time. Her intrigue was discovered and she was about to be shipped to Egypt. Her sister came to the rescue got her out of the palace but was topped at the gate by a couple of the guard. The jeweler grappled with him while Apple Blossom was taken away in a carriage by the jeweler's next friend whom he had brought along as an assistant. During the drive to the rendezvous appointed the perfidious friend persuaded the damsel to marry him instead of the jeweler. The latter was fined 50 lire, or $30 for assaulting the eunuch.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

A Basket of Chips Down from Other Blockheads.

THE PRODUCT OF THE SCISSORS.

The Manner of the Pasted Cuttings from Con temporaries and Other Sheets—Comedy—Loving Occasional.

A PIECE OF DIPLOMACY

"I suppose you will sit all around the house bothering me as usual on New Year's Day" said Mrs. Breezy.

"Of course you know I never make calls, dear," said Mr Breezy.

"Yes, I do know it only too well," said Mrs. Breezy. 'I am really ashamed of you on that day.

'But I'm not a society man, love as you must have found out."

'Of course I've found it out,' said Mrs Breezy, 'and I've about given up ever making anything out of you but a money making machine."

Most wives are satisfied with that style of husband' said Mr. Breezy, drawing on his slippers and unfolding the evening paper.

'Yes, and most husbands are satisfied with doll baby wives who care for nothing above the latest style of dress and plenty of shopping money" said Mrs Breezy. "It's a great pity you didn't get that kind of a wife Mr Breezy. You would have been much happier with a brainless woman no doubt. A woman without the slightest ambition in life would have sunted you to the ground. I'll be bound. But Providence, as usual threw away its best treasures, and you got me. The same old story of Pegasus and the ox. One nature craving to fly away into the realms of the ideal and the other prodding and hoary, holding it down to the humdrum common placeism of existence—"

'What have you been reading now?' asked Mr Breezy.

'There you go, doubting my originality, said Mrs Breezy. But that is because you haven't any originality yourself. Who ever heard of a lawyer with an imagination any way? If you were only original and ambitious you would go into society with me and become something. But you might as well make the attempt as it is. You can't have any better time to begin than New Years.'

'But, my dear, you know I hate calling.

"Oh of course you hate anything I propose to you said Mrs Breezy. 'But it is high time you let people in society know that I have got a real live husband. Why, it was only the other evening that I was taken for a widow—"

"A what,' cried Mr Breezy.

'Yes a real, genuine gay widow" said Mrs Breezy, smiling to see the puzzled expression on her good husband's face. 'Young J Arthur Fitz James of the 23d regiment made a bet that I was a widow, and came to me to decide it.'

"And what did you say?' asked Mr. Breezy.

'Why I got him on a string—I mean I decoyed him at the start. Oh it was lots of fun."

'You don't say so," muttered Mr. Breezy, getting very red in the face.

Yes, I really believe the poor little fellow would have proposed by this time if I hadn't told him the truth at last, said Mrs Breezy, laughing.

'Then you did take the trouble to undeceive him?" said Mr Breezy, growing very excited.

Oh, yes, I told him I had a husband, but he wasn't a society man."

'And what did he say, the little upstart?'

Oh, he said such husbands didn't count, and then he insisted upon calling me the little widow for the balance of the—

Such husbands don't count!' cried Mr Breezy jumping to his feet. Well, we'll see about that. Where does this—this Fritz—this miserable little popinjay amateur warrior hold out? I'll teach him to call my wife a widow the miserable little military jumping jack! Husbands don't count! Well, perhaps some husbands don't, but I'm one of the kind that—"

Now my dear, for heaven's sake don't make a fool of yourself said Mrs Breezy also jumping to her feet. How can you expect people to avoid taking me for a widow? You always let me go into society alone. You never take the trouble to let them know that I have a husband.

That's a fact' said Mr Breezy falling back into his chair. But I'm with you every time hereafter and don't you forget it. No more of your widow masquerading my dear.

Then you will start in—commence on New Year's day.

I suppose so' said Mr Breezy. But I'll whittler the while.

Floored as usual said Mr Breezy settling back in his easy chair and diving into an editorial on The Happiness of Married Life.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

INTELLIGENCE THIS MAN

We had better understand each other' he said dogmatically as he shambled into the editorial room before we begin. I'm a book agent.

Unmind ul of the groan that met this statement he went on

I am not a white-haired philanthropist from New Haven who has come south through sympathy for your stricken people. I'm a fair, square, bald headed book agent."

Encouraged by the reception of this frank avowal he took a seat and dropping his feet in a waste basket said:

I'm not a retired clergyman who seeks to scatter religious instructions while he buries up his worn out frame in your balmy clime. I'm not an apostle of art who has consented to seek your benighted region and educate your people by parting with a few picture books in parts. I'm not a temperance lecturer from Bangor who pays expenses by dispensing of literature on communism while he regenerates the rum sucker. I am not all of these—nor either. I'm an unpadded hook agent, with none of the corners rounded, running on cheek in pursuit of tin.

'Here's candor at last, remarked the young man who writes the puffs for hardware stores. Yes, candor at best. I'm not a gilded sham. You don't pick me up for a prince in disguise or art or morality going incog. I do not fly the skull and crossbones hid behind a holiday flag till I've grappled and boarded you. I've got the regular old death's head nailed to the mast and I'm a pirate from keel to center board and if you don't want that sort of company blow me out of the water.'

He had the force on deck at this point.

I've got no off hand preamble to my bloody work. I do not lead you through flowery paths of ease to where I've got the trap sprung. I do not beguile with an anecdote inspire with eloquence soothe with persuasion or tipe with local gossip. I was not directed to you as a leader of culture or as a person who would be likely to buy. I won't show you a bit of high toned design who have put their names down to get rid of me and draw you in. I don't show the work I'm selling, and I've never been able to learn the idle soliloquy that explains the pictures."

Here he paused while the manager called for the cash boy.

That's about the size of me and my business. The book's right here—Fifty parts fifty cents a part plenty of pictures and big type for the readers, written by somebody or other and no man's $10 'cept to me every time I work them off. Do you take or don't go?'

By this time eleven copies of the first part were ordered and the eleven able resumed their work while the other boy undries this tribute to the man who is not ashamed of his little racket.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

BUYING A GIRL

Yesterday though the weather was bitterly cold there was a lull in the storm and word was brought over to the saloon that there was to be a horse race between the Indians and half breeds on the other side of the Elbow. There was a general stampede for the foot bridge, and I made my way over in company with a cow boy whom I knew only as Shorty. As we were crossing the stream he handed me a handful of nuts and remarked that he was taking a handful over to his girl.

Where did you get a girl?' I asked.

I bought her over here at the Blackfoot camp last night.

What did you give for her?"

Thirty five dollars. Oh, here she is" he added as a little six year-old Blackfoot girl came capering down the bank to meet him and take possession of the nuts. The little one had on a new dress warm sto kings, new shoes and a little black blanket, all of which had evidently come out of the store within the last twenty four hours. After loading her with the nuts Shorty allowed her to start back toward the lodge but thanking her blanket did not fit close enough he called her back and taking off the empty cartridge belt which held down a corner together he belted her little blanket snugly around her waist and then sent her off the happiest youngster in the Blackfoot camp.

What will you do with her?" I asked.

Her mother is to keep her till I go back to Montana and then I'll take her down home and give her to the old woman (his mother), and then," he added very seriously, "she's a nice, innocent little girl now, but if she stays here she'll starve till she grows up and then go to the bad. I'll take her home and mother will make a woman of her.

I could not help thinking, as I went back to the saloon, that Shorty and his mother were likely to accomplish more between them than many a pretentious society of wealthy philanthropists might do during a prosperous career of several years.—*Toronto Globe*.

NILSSON'S OPINION OF POKER

'It was so funny that you should find us playing poker. But there is no harm in it, is there?' she queried, anxiously, to a Denver *Tribune* reporter.

I know all you men play it—remain out nights and all that and then go home and tell your parents and lonely wives you were at the club or sitting up with some friend. I think husbands should teach their wives the game, and keep the profits and loss at home. It's delightful pastime, I find, preferable to either whist or cribbage. What will do for quiet, slow and cautious thinking people who like to mope along and keep mind records, cribbage is good enough for those who find interest in mathematical problems and studies, but poker—well poker contains all these opportunities and pleasures, and besides has a vein of excitement that always makes one think of being in the hands of highwaymen or falling into or out of a fortune. It is wildly fascinating, especially when you are playing for a little money and some one steals—what is it?—oh, yes steals the pot. I am only a novice as yet, and have not learned all the terms but Mr Abbey says I am making good progress and will soon be an adept.'

As Madame Nilsson thus delivered herself on the subject of 'bluff' her eyes wandered from the faces of the ladies and gentlemen present to the magnificent piano in one end of the drawing room and finally settled upon the table where were scattered cards and ivory chips in confusion.

Mr Abbey nodded his head and laughed significantly when she alluded to him, and when she closed, remarked:

Yes indeed the madame has become quite expert, she has beaten us all day and as you came in she was about to get away with Miss Glenn again for I know she had the best hand.

SHE DIDN'T DARE DO IT

The other evening a man and a woman came to a sudden halt on Grand river street and the woman dropped the basket she was carrying and called out:

'I will! I will! I will not live with you another day!"

'You'll leave me, will you?' he calmly asked.

Yes, I will.

'When?"

Now—right off this minute.

'You'll go away?

Yes, sir!"

'I wouldn't, if I were you.'

'But I will, and I defy you to prevent me! I have suffered at your hands as long as I can put up with it!'

Oh, I shan't try to stop you, he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the police that my wife has mysteriously disappeared. They will want your description, and shall I give it? You wear No 7 shoes, you have an extra large mouth, you walk stiff on your knees, your nose turns up at the end, hair the color of brick terra cotta, the newest in fashion, eyes rather on the squint, voice partakes of——"

"Wretch! you wouldn't dare do that!' she screamed.

"I certainly will and the description will go into all the papers.'

They glared at each other for a minute like cats, then he walked on. She looked up and down the street, gritted her teeth together and then picked up her basket and followed on after. He had what they call the dead wood on her.—*Free Press*.

WILLING TO SELL

A Detroit commercial traveler finished his supper at a hotel in the western part of the state the other night and drew up to the stove alongside of a stranger and said:

Are you acquainted in this town?"

'Yes somewhat."

'Is this the best hotel?'

They say so.

'Then I wish I had bought some crackers and cheese and crawled into a haystack. Did you see how dirty the tablecloth was?"

I didn't notice in particular.'

And such biscuit and slop and such napkins! I can imagine what the beds are."

Yes.'

The paper on the room will be moldy, the washstand on three legs, the pitcher without a handle and the bed full of bugs. It is a shame and a disgrace to call such a hog pen a hotel.'

There was a moment of silence for the traveler to light his pipe and then he continued:

Yes it is a shame. I'd like to run a hotel like this for a year.'

'Well, I shall out to you.

You? What have you got to do with it?"

Oh, I'm the owner and landlord," was the calm reply.

The traveler didn't try to smooth it over or laugh it off. He knew that anything he could say would be adding insult to injury.—*Detroit Free Press*.

DISAPPOINTED IN THE GOVERNOR

Soon after the entrance of the train containing the great commoner, says the Atlanta, Ga., *Post Appeal*, a countryman was sighted perched on the rear end of the back car, prominently perched on top of the bumper, gazing with a look of mingled admiration and awe into the face of Henry Grady, who was making his exit through the doorway. After a minute and gratifying survey of the noble physique of the Apollo of the local press he lost all consciousness of his humble station and gave way to the heroic prompting of a patriotic spirit. He ventured 'Governor can I have the honor of shakin hands with you seein as I've come a good ways to do it and might not never have the chance of approachin you again?

Certainly sir, but I am not the governor—here he comes, now."

Is that him'

That is Governor Stephens.

'Well, I'll be darned'

Wonder'd you remark?

'I'd heern he was a prodigy but if that's the biggest man they could trump up for governor of Georgy, I think we'd better leave the state for the country a degeneratin'."

We don't estimate a statesman by his physical development, in the brain. The governor has the greatest brain in Georgia.'

I don't care nothin about brain. But the idea of a man bein governor that's got to be carried around like a bundle o clothes!'

TIME IS PRECIOUS

A young blood who is about to enter into the holy estate of matrimony, goes to seek the advice of an old friend his family doctor.

The girl, you see," says the young man with energetic frankness, "hasn't got any tin now, but she has a rich uncle with heart disease that—"

I don't know about that," says the doctor reflectively, a man with heart disease is apt to live much longer than—"

But it is a serious case. Only this morning they called in your eminent colleague Dr. X—"

Then if they have, marry her, sir, you haven't a minute to lose.'

THE MAN FOR HIS MONEY

The Abbe Prevost the famous author of Manon Lescaut was not rich and like the author of his time resolved to be on the look out for a rich patron. He accordingly addressed himself to the Prince of Conti of whom he asked an appointment as chaplain.

As my chaplain!' exclaimed the prince in astonishment. 'But good heavens sir, I never hear mass!'

That is precisely why I ask for the appointment said the Abbe, I never say it!'

The prince did not give him the chaplainey, but he gave him an allowance of 1200 livres.

SMITH—A COMMON NOUN

An honest tradesman dies leaving a number of debts which his widow is in no hurry to pay.

A surviving friend of the deceased remonstrated with her upon her negligence.

What! he says indignantly you hesitate about paying this man—about leaving your son an untarnished name!

Ah you see, sighs the widow my poor husband's name was Smith—and there are so many Smiths that perhaps nobody would ever know!

OUR SUPERIOR FRACTIONS.

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THE FAIR DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

A Contemporary Defended on the Wrongful Use of Certain Terms, and the Errors of Modern Our Ladies Discussed.

A contemporary says: "Scandal hugs Mrs. Langtry." Scandal is to be envied.

In the hands of girls entirely grown, a rash is oil is magnifier than a flash of powder.

Every woman has three characters—that which she really has, and that which she thinks she has.

The widow of Thomas A. Cahill, of Philadelphia, who was left $500,000, has been sued by George Hildreth for breach of promise.

The ring would not fit the bride of a Detroit wedding the other day, and the minister was finally obliged to leave it just above her knuckles.

The meanest flaw as woman is that she goes of small account in the creation, for, being made from Adam's rib, she was only a "side issue."

Do not present your husband or lover with embroidered suspenders. They can't show embroidered suspenders unless they promenade in shirt sleeves.

A man who holds his opera-glass in both hands with his elbows sticking out on both sides, is preferable to a lady with a big hat at the theater. You can kick the man.

A burglar was recently caught by a Brooklyn girl and nearly choked to death. As the young lady weighs 217 pounds, it was fortunate for the midnight marauder that she didn't sit on him.

Maria Appley, one of the thirteen girls who represented the states in Washington's funeral procession in New York, died yesterday at Morristown, New Jersey, aged 104 years, in full possession of her faculties.

The wife of the Chinese minister at Washington has lately adopted the dress most strong fashionable American ladies. This application of the Chinese minister for an increase of salary is awaited with interest.

A Boston belle's idea of botany. "Oh! Georgs," a Boston girl intensely exclaimed while gazing at the comet, 'How transcendently beautiful and rapturously precious it is; I should so love to study botany."

A lady proprietor of a boarding house not 100 miles from Boston, says the *Advertiser*, is afflicted with a nature too delicately strung for this world. She invariably speaks of her boarders as her "remunerative guests."

She admitted to her mother that the young man had made a very strong impression on her. "Yes," remarked the old lady, "I can see where the impression mashed the face as flat as a clean napkin. Don't let it happen again."

Schoolgirl. "You say the youth you design is almost sixteen years old and you want to give him a Christmas present which will please him more than all the rest he can possibly receive from others. Very well; give him a shaving case.

A colored preacher at Barnesville, Ga., removed a sister of the church for wearing a silk dress when her husband could not pay his debts, and she stood up and told the minister that he borrowed all his tea, sugar and butter, and never paid anything back.

Slang is a dangerous language. Recently when a handsome young wife went to a hardware store to get one of those wooden contrivances to mash potatoes and said "I want a masher," every man in the shop, from the boss to the office boy, started to wait on her.

Phoebe Cousins says that she and Miss Anthony both expect to marry, but that they will wait until the time comes when their husbands will not marry slaves. It is evident that Phoebe and Susan are expecting nothing short of a sealskin sacque apiece on the date of surrender.

The widow of General "Stonewall" Jackson and her daughter, a young lady of nineteen years, are now living in Columbus, O. Mrs. Jackson left the south because she was there compelled to struggle with society, and could not find the retirement and rest that her health demanded.

Mme Patti, who is nervous when crossing the ocean before starting for America made her will, in which she desires to be buried at Craig-y-nos and leaves a sum of money to be expended in instructing a number of poor Welsh boys with good voices who may show a taste for music.

A bevy of girls were on their way home from a 'foliage" excursion when one of them exclaimed "Oh dear! I wish I were an autumn leaf." "Why, what a silly idea!" said her companion. "Well, then I would know what it is to be pressed, blushingly replied the beauless beauty.

The death is announced of the chief wife of Sidi Muley Hassan Sultan of Morocco. She was the daughter of an Italian blacksmith, and firmly clung to the Christian faith all her life, notwithstanding which she was honored by the Mohammedan prince with the rank of legitimate sultana.

An English giant imposed upon the credulity of two servant girls by representing himself as the seventh daughter of the seventh virgin Jupiter and having a special faculty for seeing into futurity, thus succeeding in extorting money from them, but she was subsequently sent to jail for three months for it.

An eastern exchange says: A California woman, who confessed to her husband on her dying bed that she loved another, was forgiven. Then she got well and he is now seeing her a divorce. She pleads that he condoned the offense, and he answers that it was only on condition of her dying, and she broke the contract.

The rumor that the Princess Louise and her husband are to visit New York on their return from the Pacific coast, has thrown the New York society into a pleasing commotion. It is said that some ladies have resumed dancing lessons, in order to learn the principles and drill of presentation at court according to English ceremonial.

Belva Lockwood, of Washington, is a woman, a lawyer and a tricycle rider and is in trouble. She is to be called upon in court to explain how she came to swear she had $12,000 worth of property unincumbered, when District Attorney Corkhill says that, since she qualified in that amount, he has found out that her property is assessed only at $12,000 and is mortgaged for $16,000.

You still keep your family in the country, I hear,' remarked a merchant to his neighbor, casually. "I should think you would miss them very much." 'Sir! They don't get back to the city until the fall openings are over. I haven't been studying economy for twenty years for nothing." High-priced country board for a week is much cheaper than a day at the openings.—*

Sunday Oregonian.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1880

HISTRIONIC SUCCESS.

Ex-Children Opinions Upon the Matter from Some Old Professionals.

FROM BEHIND THE CURTAINS

The Stage Being a Learned Profession No One Can Hope to Excel Except by Devotion to Long and Severe Study

Six representative actors and actresses contribute to the *North American Review* short papers on success on the stage. What is perhaps most remarkable about these papers is the substantial agreement concerning the qualities most essential to success. Talent and hard work for instance they all insist upon, as well as natural adaptableness. Mr McCullough's paper so well as it is written and so marked by clear intelligence and thoughtfulness, comes to us almost as a revelation of unused in one to discourse of him as a cultivated or graceful writer. Health and fair personal appearance he names first then flexibility of feature and grace of movement, "strong intelligence—the capacity to feel both emotions, and to make others feel them—and finally 'untiring industry.' On the latter point he says:

> The young man who expects to find great reward in the dramatic profession or who expects to get on without unremitting labor, patient study and so far as the frivolities and disruptions of life and society go unrelenting self denial will inevitably be bitterly disappointed. There are no exceptions to this rule. There is not an eminent actor on the stage who cannot look back to years when the hours which, to many of his companions were hours of leisure and pastime were to him hours of hard, patient often apparently fruitless study. Probably every one of them also can recall companions who started in the race with every advantage of health strength voice manly beauty intelligence and dramatic instinct, who have long been distanced in the race from a lack of the capacity for patient industry. The stage is full to-day of men of talent, intelligence who cannot or will not bend all the energy of an earnest purpose to understanding the meaning of the lines they speak. It is a grievous mistake to think the actor's life an easy one. Eminence and fame and it is a far more grievous mistake to fancy that the grace and beauty of Apollo and the genius of Roscius—all the divine gifts—could be concentrated in one man can win lasting fame or greatness without hard close painful work. And not to him who is imbued with a genuine love of the art that art in turn is ample compensation for all the labor and the pain."

Mr Barrett Miss Mitchell and Mr Warren all point out that the young actor should if possible, get into a good stock company, though all admit the difficulty nowadays of so doing, since very few theatres are managed with stock companies. Mr Barrett says the beginner must begin at the bottom and that no qualification can overcome this necessity. "The greatest actors have been the hardest workers." The faults of all beginners, he says though they may be, are, he says "the faults of over-doing, extreme anxiety, awkwardness arising from timidity, over sensitiveness and inexperience." All of which to be overcome require industry, patience experience and good taste. Of this fault Mr Warren speaks in very much the same words. Young actors he says, over act, over dress, and over grimace until acting comes to be comedy and becomes impossible. Mr Jefferson remarks that a successful actor "must be gifted with sensitive imagination, and personal magnetism." He must begin his art at the foundations or the superstructure can scarcely stand." Mrs Modjeska has "never seen genius succeed without labor. Actors must be born with a certain amount of native talent although she believes a person deprived of the natural gifts, if possessed of an average amount of intelligence" may by careful and judicious training acquire enough to make him or her fill respectably the minor parts in a good company. In Miss Mitchell's paper there are a few lines that possess a personal interest.

> It would be bold for me to pretend to rate my own chances of success for the actress of the future; it is a lottery; the professions of nurse in which even the prizes are very all not very considerable. My own days spent more of them far from my children and the comforts and delights of my home, are full of exhausting labor. Rehearsals and other duties encompass me from early morning to the hour of performance, with brief intervals for rest and food and a little sleep. In the best hotels my time is so invaded that I can scarcely live comfortably, much less luxuriously. At the worst existence becomes a torment and a burden; and the eager yet weary slave of my profession and the best it can do for me—who am I to complain? I am one of the fortunate successful members—is to barely gallop through existence, of a 50 week's exile from my work and my family. For those of our aims, who have to make this weary round year after year with disappointed ambitions and defeated hopes as their inspiration, I can feel only pity. At the bottom of my heart I feel a scorn makes the life harder and disenchantment robs it of one more prospect of one more effort, of more opportunities to live and relish the fleeting, bubble, in another field.

An Alleged Raphael Picture

An Englishman who owns an alleged original of the Madonna of the Candelabra has brought it over to New York and is trying to sell it to the Metropolitan museum for $200,000. It is genuinely to create a general protest against such extravagance. Whether the picture was painted by Raphael or some other portrait, which of its genuine value which is part of it and the other questions which the experts at the meeting would be of no consequence if the picture were one of intrinsic importance. But that is confessedly is not. There are Rembrandts and Raphaels—some good pictures that all the world admires and that are not absolutely priceless, and a great many more which that have more or less of beauty and value but not to be means the most important thing in a picture to possess. The fame of these pictures is often in the mail, but the latter appears when they are known. And it will be generally agreed that they are not as the owner believes. It would be something to have the Madonna of the Candelabra in the centre of it considerable advantage such but the idea of paying $200,000 for a picture upon its genuine and certain merit has been suggested. But for those who have a fruit of the ignorance and extravagance of American amateurs

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In the center of another circle a well known oratorical firebrand was been hoisted on a barrel and commanded to make a speech. Doing his best to comply with the wishes of a very important audience, he began:

"Fellow-countrymen!"

"Ochone! isn't he the darlin spaker!" says an old woman behind. "Ordher! ordher for the lioration!" shout many voices in front.

"Fellow-countrymen, ye misecomprehind me—"

"Hear! hear!" half a dozen voices yell simultaneously, accompanied by a fire of comminations. "Shut the chat, me lad!" "Och! but it's himself knows how!" "He'll be after givin' it to the shirty white, you'll see!" "He's a jawyus, be the mortyal!" "Ordher!" "Go on, Tim!"

"Fellow-countrymen," he starts again, "ye misunderstand my motives entirely—"

"Faugh! ye said that before," says one—"Give us a lan' lagee ipsache!" yells another—"Ay, as' lave out the jaw-breekers!" adds a third—and the orator's words are lost in a perfect Babel of voices shouting. "What about Gladstone an' the corn bill?" "Who skinned the dead donkey?" "What about Sir John an' the tin?" "Give us the facts about Shumus O'Brien!" "Home rule an' more porter!" and so on.

Suddenly the noisy throng is silenced by a piercing shriek, and a moment's stupefaction ensues, then, as the scream is one repeated, every one dashes in the direction of the sound.

Among the first to reach the bank is Mr. Adams, who takes in the situation at a glance, as he sees the girl whose shrieks still ring through the air, standing out on the shelving ice which reaches over into the stream. Some one, ignorant of the serpentine curves of the river, but at least conversant with the fact that beyond the banks lie the fields, and beyond the fields the village, is calling out "as nate as mine" to "use the words of an eye-witness." Miss Harriet Marshall, only daughter of the house of Marshall; and Miss Lillian Forbes, her cousin who was down from Dublin for a visit. Miss Marshall was a tall lady of striking appearance, over whose queenly form summers and a correspondent number of winters had winged their flight, but looking beautiful," is how her friends described her; she had beautiful pearly teeth, black eyes, a wealth of dark brown hair, with just the smallest token of a complexion, and lips just like a large wild cliff in Ulva n. Not proud—not by any means—was Miss Marshall. Her cheeks have been less red, her eyes not quite so bright and lustrous, her laugh not quite so free and careless, her features a little more grave, but only her female friends noticed these things, and, noticing, whispered of them among themselves. A gay, sunshiny, good-natured girl; one of those of whom fathers and brothers swear by.

Forbes was a dainty little maiden with pale face, light golden hair, and eyes like those of forget-me-nots, gentle and shy in contrast to her cousin Harriet in manner and personal appearance.

A few were expert skaters, and as the ladies land in hand darted across the ice, and spun around the lines, and flew hither and thither in airy, graceful motion, closely followed by their escorts, the figures of a portion of the crowd followed their movements and gazed after them with wondering admiration.

One of the most interested of these onlookers was Mr. Adams, Mr. Chetwynd Adams, the A Union Branch of the Alliance Banking Company. Mr. Adams had the honor of being a friend of Miss Marshall's acquaintance, and was delighted at the opportunity to show his gentlemanly politeness and skating proficiency.

In the church choir, secretary of the Choral Society, and chairperson of all charitable concerts and other entertainments wherein the local amateurs formed the principal attraction, indeed, Mr. Adams was quite a big light among the flickering tapers which formed society in the sleepy little town.

Miss Marshall was musical also, a patroness of the Glee Club and a subscriber to the funds of the Choral Society, and occasionally sang at charity concert with Mr. Adams, playing the piano accompaniments—it was thus that the two had become related to each other.

Mr. Adams was a romantic and ambitious young man, so rather proud of his fine voice, handsome figure, and his intellectual appearance given to flattering any maiden, in most of which Miss Marshall was indeed a queen—in fact, Mr. Adams nourished and cherished a belief in his own heart that he was madly in love with that young lady.

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...and inundated the low lying meadows ...
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...the water's subsided great sheets ...
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...mayor; from the peasant who shared ...
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...gentlemen whose carriage waited at the ...

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...joined their elbows and heels and fleets ...
...on the ice and made extraordinary pos...
...not in the programme to the immense ...
...amusement of their friends, whooping crowds ...
...fashionable boots went gliding along ...
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...gentlemen joined hand in hand and struck ...
...out to where the shadows were darkest ...
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...and laughing sweethearts merrily tripped ...
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...and laying him out as neat as nine...
...to the words of an eye...
...Miss Harriett Marshall, only daugh...
...of the house of Marshall, and Miss Lilian ...
...Forbes, her cousin who was down from Dub...
...on a visit. Miss Marshall was a tall ...
...lady of striking appearance over whose ...
...twenty summers and a correspond...
...number of winters had winged their flight ...
...looking brunette to whom her friends ...
...her, she had beautiful pearly teeth ...
...black eyes, a wealth of dark brown ...
...hair now with just the smallest token of a ...
...facial inclination, and lips just like a large ...
...rosebud cleft in twain Not proud—not by ...
...means—was Miss Marshall Her cheeks ...
...have been less red her eyes not quite ...
...and fearless her laugh not quite so ...
...and careless her features a little more reg ...
...but only her female friends noticed these ...
...things, and, noticing whispered of them ...
...among themselves. A gay sunshiny good ...
...natured girl, one of those girls whom fathers ...
...and brothers swear by

...Miss Forbes was a dainty little maiden with ...
...pale face light golden hair and eyes the ...
...color of forget me-nots gentle and shy a de...
...contrast to her cousin Harriet in manner ...
...and personal appearance

...All four were expert skaters and as the ...
...young ladies hand in hand darted across the ...
...field, and spun around the fires and flew ...
...further and further with airy graceful motion ...
...closely followed by their escorts the eyes of a ...
...large portion of the crowd followed their move...
...ments and gazed after them with wonder ing admiration

...One of the most interested of these on look...
...was Mr Adams—Mr Chesterfield Adams—...
...resident in the Athlone Branch of the Alliance ...
...Banking Company Mr Adams had the honor ...
...of Miss Marshall's acquaintance—A very st ight ...
...acquaintanceship it was yet one that gave him ...
...unfeigned satisfaction Mr Adams was the ...
...leader in the church choir, secretary of the ...
...Choral Society and chief organizer of all char...
...ity concerts and other entertainments where ...
...talents of amateurs" formed the principal ...
...and attraction—indeed Mr Adams was quite a ...
...shining light among the flickering tapers which ...
...illuminated society in the sleepy little town ...
...Miss Marshall was musical also, a patroness ...
...of the Glee Club and a subscriber to the funds ...
...of the Choral Society and occasionally sang at ...
...a charity concert with Mr Adams playing the ...
...accompaniment—it was thus that the ...
...acquaintance referred to was formed ...

...Mr Adams was a romantic and ambitious ...
...young man somewhat proud of his fine voice ...
...handsome figure and his intellectual abil...
...somewhat given to building airy men...
...tions, in most of which Miss Marshall was the ...
...leading queen—in fact Mr Adams nourished ...
...and cherished a belief in his secret heart that ...
...he was madly in love with that young lady ...
...and that he only required suitable opportunity ...
...to make the object of his adoration fully re...
...ciprocate his passion.

...He had bribed the local photographer to ...
...supply him with a copy of the photo of a pre...
...tty pretty which the artist had been summoned ...
...to take at Comber Lodge Miss Marshall being ...
...one of the leading figures in the group and ...
...had cut out her picture and worn it in a locket ...
...in his inner vest pocket ever since he had ...
...written a beautiful sonnet on read I ...the ...
...Leveler," which was printed in the Dublin ...
...*Journal* over the *nom de plume* "Temper ...
...Fidus," but these facts he kept hidden in the ...
...innermost recesses of his bosom so that even ...
...his most intimate friends never suspected him ...
...as being a victim of the tender passion

...It was not strange then that he should keep ...
...a watch on the quartette and at the same time ...
...with that shyness which characterizes all true ...
...lovers keep at a distance to avoid recognition ...
...while the fires of jealousy blazed in his bosom ...
...as that confounded Scot McPherson bor...
...ered near the form of his beloved

...Presently two gentlemen strike off towards ...
...the carriage to smoke their pipes and perhaps ...
...discuss the contents of a brandy flask leaving ...
...the ladies to glide along at their own sweet ...
...will or chat with some lady acquaintances ...
...who are enjoying themselves in a similar man...
...ner

...It may not have been according to the strict ...
...rules of etiquette for Mr Adams to select this ...
...time to show himself to the ladies—but what ...
...passionate lover ever did pay attention to the ...
...laws of etiquette?

...Good evening Mr Adams! How do you ...
...do? says Miss Marshall bowing slightly as ...
...that gentleman gracefully skated near

...Good evening Miss Marshall! Very well ...
...indeed thanks! Enjoying the skating? Beau...
...tiful isn't it?" stammers Mr Adams in reply ...
...as he raises his hat and passes to breathe

...Perfectly delightful is the response, and ...
...the ladies glide off in a different direction, ...
...bringing the conversation to what Mr Adams ...
...thinks rather a sudden termination

...What a nice young man! Who is he? Why ...
...didn't you introduce me? says Miss Forbes ...
...reproachfully

...O a nobody! A banker's clerk or some ...
...thing in the careless reply I meet him a ...
...the singing practices for the hospital con...
...certs

...He seems quite a gentlemanly young man ...
...doesn't he?

...O yes, he is! Very respectable too, and ...
...all that I dare say! I have heard Reggy speak ...
...highly of him Now while they are away let ...
...us go out there where it is quiet dark and pru...
...tence the Dutch roll No one can see us out ...
...here—come along! and Miss Marshall se zed ...
...her cousin's hand and began to give a rather ...
...unladylike scamble to her motions

...Mr Adams mixes with the crowd all around ...
...the fires and skates slowly about in thoughtful ...
...mood unconscious or regardless of the fact ...
...that numerous fair maidens are in the throng, ...
...who would gladly accept his assistance as a ...
...pilot around the outskirts of the field So ab...
...sorbed is he that it is with a sudden start he ...
...finds himself slapped on the shoulder and ...
...hears young Marshall say Hello Adams is ...
...it asleep ye are?'

...I must have been near so Mr Marshall ...
...he responds as he takes that gentleman's out ...
...stretched hand Mr Reginald is an old ac...
...quaintance and school-fellow and greets Mr ...
...Adams warmly, afterwards introducing him to ...
...his friend the captain After a few minutes' ...
...chat Mr Marshall asks, Have you seen my ...
...sister anywhere Adams?

...Yes I saw her down by the river a short ...
...time since is the answer with perhaps a slight ...
...embarrassment

...My cousin Miss Forbes is with her, we ...
...have been looking for them everywhere Ex...
...cept they have slipped with a couple of soldiers ...
...I cannot tell what has become of them says ...
...Mr Marshall laughing

...Let us go down to the river and see if we ...
...can find them says the captain

...But Mr Adams remains himself, and bidding ...
...the gentlemen good by moves off in another ...
...direction

...I don't want to see her hugging, ...
...with that insipid swell no soliloquizes with ...
...a very indefinite idea of what he means by ...
...hugging or suggesting

...Around the fires the fun goes on as fun always ...
...does go among a crowd of jovial careless ...
...Irishmen One party held together by a com...
...mon bond—namely a jar of porter, in which ...
...all have a financial interest—and led by a ...
...sturdy fisherman are singing, a song with a ...
...rattling, chorus

Whittiboo
Och I'm kilt
Hey the quilt
Lote lashin' on your beauty it is free
When the weather is hot
But me love when it's not
May it rowl ye up cozy and warm
Whittiboo!

...In the center of another circle a well known ...
...oratorical firebrand has been hoisted on a bar...
...rel and commanded to make a speech Doing ...
...his best to comply with the wishes of a very ...
...impartial audience he begins

...Fellow countrymen—"

...'Ochone! isn't he the darlin spaker! says ...
...an old woman behind Ordher! ordher for ...
...the honor! shout many voices in front

...Fellow-countrymen ve misecomprehind ...
...me—

...'Hear! hear!' half a dozen voices yell him ...
...mitaneously accompanied by a fire of com...
...ments That's the chat me lad!" Och ...
...but it's himself knows how He'll be ...
...either givin it to the dirty whigs ye'll see'

...Has a gentleman be the moriyal' Ordher! ...
...Go on, Tim!",

...Fellow-countrymen he starts again, ye ...
...misecomprehind me motives intoirely—"

...Faugh! we sand that before," says one—

...'Give us a lan' lague spache!" yells another—

...'Ay an' lave out the jaw breakers!" adds a ...
...third—and the orator's words are lost in a per...
...fect Babel of voices shouting What about ...
...Gladstone as the ass bill?" Who skinned ...
...the dead donkey?" What about Sir John an ...
...the rint? Give us the recite about Shamus ...
...O Brien' Home rule an more porther' ...
...and so on

...Suddenly the noisy throng is silenced by a ...
...piercing shriek and a moment's stupefaction ...
...ensues then as the screams are repeated every ...
...one dashes in the direction of the river

...Among the first to reach the bank is Mr ...
...Adams who takes in the situation at a glance ...
...as he sees the girl whose shrieks still ring ...
...through the air standing out on the shelving ...
...ice which reaches over into the stream No one ...
...knows the treacherous curves of the ...
...river must have unwittingly gone far out be...
...yond the banks to where the ice is but a ...
...frail coating resting on the water and falling ...
...through before the danger was fully recognized ...
...Hastily pulling off his skates he runs along ...
...the bank to the extreme turn of the curve ...
...where it bulges out into the river like an ar...
...regular form of the letter S His presence of ...
...mind does not desert him for a second and he ...
...knows that the person in the water will inevita...
...bly be sucked in and carried along by the swift ...
...current to this place where the sloping water ...
...dashes against the bank from which the ice ...
...has long ago been washed away Being a good ...
...swimmer he pulls off his coat and boots pre...
...paratory for a plunge and stands waiting with ...
...his gaze intently fixed on the rolling waters ...
...Frenzied people rush back and forth along the ...
...bank, then he is conscious of Capt McPherson ...
...running past with a white scared face All ...
...this has occupied but an instant from the time ...
...he first heard the screams on the bank, out in ...
...the river he suddenly hears a faint cry and sees ...
...a dark object rising on the current and im...
...mediately plunges into the black waters and ...
...strikes out with swift and steady strokes But ...
...the form has vanished before he reaches it ...
...then nursing his strength he allows himself ...
...to be carried along by the stream while he ...
...keeps a sharp lookout for it to rise again He ...
...suddenly remembers that it was Miss Forbes ...
...who was screaming on the bank and for an in...
...stant one is paralyzed by the knowledge that it ...
...is Miss Marshall he is trying to save But it ...
...is for an instant only He has a strong heart ...
...and brain and that young man the fr ...
...gastronomically notwithstanding and his nerves ...
...is steady and his glance is keen and true as ...
...it gazes along the surface of the water A ...
...crowd has gathered on the bank opposite ...
...where he is and the gossiping ceases for a ...
...space in breathless darkness—for the only light here ...
...comes from the few stars twinkling in the sky ...

...Farther down the river a boat has been un...
...moored, and Mr Marshall and the captain ply ...
...the oars while one of the fishermen stands in ...
...the bow with the rudder cords in his hand ...
...guiding them up the middle of the river

...A sudden cry from the bank The shes out ...
...He has got her! She is saved!' as the ...
...daring swimmer darts with lightning speed ...
...towards the form which had once more risen to ...
...the surface and also clutches it firmly ere it again ...
...sinks from sight Holding the unconscious ...
...girl steadily up with one hand and pushing her ...
...straight before him he strikes out for the bank ...
...and reaches it just as the boat comes up A ...
...hundred hands reach forward to drag him up ...
...and as he and his burden are safely on the ...
...bank a ringing cheer rises from the crowd ...
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...Tears roll down the cheeks of many in reaction ...
...from the intense excitement strangers shake ...
...hands with one another in a voice filled with ...
...emotion some one sobs "God bless him and ...
...as the prayer is echoed all around another ...
...cheer rises from the people

...Meantime the apparently lifeless girl has ...
...been carried home to the nearest cottage and ...
...placed in bed Physicians are at hand, and ...
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...press the opinion that it is—ah very wo...
...manic—and all that sort of thing don't you ...
...know ah very tiring like!'

Rockford in Bell's Life

Though the rabbit is now a much despised little animal and has been left by parliament to the mercy of the tenant farmers it must be ...
...that there was a time when it was ...
...followed as the ...
...all the doctors are quite hopeful of her ...
...recovery

The narrow escape from the jaws of death ...
...has endeared the hearts of the pleasure seeking, ...
...throng, and the name of Miss Marshall is safest ...
...is received with a universal feeling of relief

But the fun is over for that night

Inside the cottage the ladies have been busy ...
...The efforts have been successful but ex...
...citement and exposure have told their tale ...
...upon the girl who afterwards is laid in ...
...now fast asleep Miss Forbes who ...
...had fainted with the shock of the current has ...
...during the excitement been carried home ...
...during the excitement been carried home ...
...in the cart with her cousin and ...
...Marshall lying on the cold straw with her head ...
...on her cousin's lap and tears streaming down her ...
...face as she tried to call back life to the pale ...

They had been having some fun practicing ...
...figure-skating away in the darkness and Miss ...
...Marshall had gone on in advance ...
...when suddenly there was a cry like a pistol ...
...shot followed by a number of sounds as ...
...in rapid succession the Miss Marshall ...
...screamed as it sank from sight Alone at part...
...lyzed with terror Miss Forbes had screamed ...
...with all her might until she was chrobed by ...
...somebody and then fainted in more ...

The captain tells his story and Mr Marshall ...
...his aged old Scotch laddy and his son the latter ...
...man who owns the cottage to fetch ...
...and Miss ...
...Kelly and his son the latter ...
...having seen a wedding since in the ...
...wishes on the happy pair without the slightest ...
...error or unselfish feeling of disappointment ...
...yet he does so

But when Mr Adams says Can't we have ...
...the two weddings in one day Mac old man? ...
...and the captain responds Why bless my ...
...soul! to be sure we can" and they shake hands ...
...once more the mystery is explained

For Mr Adams has found out that though ...
...Miss Marshall is charming still and he has ...
...long ago flung that locket into the Shannon ...
...and in the solitude of his chamber laughs ...
...loud at long at the story which fills his ...
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SUNDAY'S REST.

H. W. S.

England as well as America is discussing the Sunday question with vigor and animation. There is a strong sentiment among the laboring classes in favor of opening museums and art galleries on the first day of the week, and the plea is adduced that such action would lessen Sunday drunkenness. Kindred opinions have at different times been held by prominent clergymen. A minister in New York complained in a recent sermon that on Sundays the best places of amusement were always closed and the worst ones always open. Birmingham, Manchester and other English towns have, it is said, found that the plan of allowing art galleries to be opened on Sunday worked excellently, and many Londoners demand that a similar policy be pursued in the metropolis. The day of rest is a blessing to all classes, not especially to the poor. A man of leisure derives comparatively little benefit from it, but to a laborer it is a priceless gift. The holiday Sunday goes hand in hand with the workday Sunday, and the workingmen will find that of the two extremes, undue strictness is preferable to undue laxity. If irreligious workmen demand a day of unlimited amusement, irreligious employers will exact a day of unlimited labor. The rigid Sabbatarianism of the old Banbury Puritan, who was said to have hung his cat on Monday for killing a mouse on Sunday, meets with little favor nowadays; but any attempt to change rational liberty into license is a terrible error from which, if successful, none will suffer more than the workingmen.

POPULATION OF CHINA.

H. W. S.

A correspondent of the London *Times*, writing from Shanghai, says there is every reason to believe that China has fallen off enormously in wealth and population during the last fifty years. The last complete census of the empire, taken in 1812, gave a total of 360,000,000. Since that time there has been an internecine civil war, which has caused the death of 30,000,000 of people, while other wars have also made serious inroads, so that it is thought by many that the population cannot now exceed from 250,000,000 to 300,000,000.

By law every province ought to make an annual return of population, but this seems to have fallen into desuetude. Only one province so far has resumed the practice, viz: Chekiang. In 1812 this province stood for 26,257,000, and it is now reported as containing only 11,570,000 inhabitants. Chekiang is a very fertile province, and the center of the silk industry, so that the population might be expected to fill up by emigration more rapidly than in other places. If, therefore, notwithstanding all these advantages, the population in this one province has decreased by 15,000,000, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the falling off over the whole eight or ten which are known to have suffered, is at least 100,000,000, and that the present population of China does not exceed over 250,000,000. The returns of land tax payable are further confirmatory of this conclusion. In 1812 the land tax payable in Chekiang was 5,850,000 taels; now it stands at only 2,120,000 taels. It is said that ever since the Taeping rebellion the financial prosperity of the country has steadily declined. Though the officers of the government have striven in every way to raise revenue, the receipts of the public exchequer are more insignificant than ever, and the people are in a state of poverty that has no precedent in the history of the empire. Under those circumstances we cannot wonder at Chinese emigration.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

There is more than ordinary disposition on the part of the press to discuss and prophecy as to who may be the next republican candidate for the presidency, and the discussion brings to the front a half dozen of names, as follows: General Sherman, Senators Logan, Edmunds and Harrison, Secretary Lincoln, and ex-Secretary Windom. The names of Senator Sherman and Mr. Blaine are not especially mentioned, it being understood that they, as men once stricken by the incurable fever, are always candidates.

But there is one thing which, from year to year, seems constantly to escape these presidential prophesiers, to-wit: the history of their country. With the exception of General Grant—whose military achievements lifted him out of the ordinary category—no man since the republican party became a living entity, who was prominent in the presidential scramble, has been nominated by it. Prominence has, of itself, proved fatal to success. Previous to the Chicago convention of 1860, the drift was all towards Mr. Seward. Among other possibilities Simon Cameron, Salmon P. Chase and Edward Bates were freely talked of. It is doubtful if Mr. Lincoln's name was ever heard of in that connection a month before the convention met. Yet Mr. Seward's prominence dragged him down; and Mr. Lincoln was nominated, not because he was the choice of the party, but because he was the most available man with whom to beat Seward. "There is a little woman down at our house," said Mr. Lincoln, when the news came to him, "who would like to hear this—I'll go down and tell her."

In 1876 Mr. Blaine, by one of the most brilliant and powerful personal efforts for the presidency ever made in this country, held, as was generally supposed, the winning cards. There can be no doubt that a decided majority of the delegates in the Cincinnati convention were in favor of his nomination, and though the highest vote received by him at any one time was 351 (28 short of a choice), yet if all the delegates who voted for him on different ballots had done so on the same ballot he would have had considerably more than enough. Among all the candidates the least thought of was Gov. Hayes, of Ohio. He was in the race at all simply because his own state had agreed to present him—a "favorite sonny" movement much jeered at. We presume it to be a fair statement that at least three-fourths of the Ohio delegation were not for him, and considered the Hayes movement only in the light of an empty compliment, and as a means of holding the delegation together until it could be placed where it would do the most good. Yet on the seventh ballot Mr. Hayes' 61 votes had swelled to 384, and he was nominated, not because anyone wanted him, but because he was the only man they could unite upon in the effort to defeat Blaine.

The Chicago convention of 1880 is so fresh in mind that few details need be given. Up to the thirty-fifth ballot Mr. Garfield had received but two votes. On the thirty-sixth, he had 399. It was not manifest that anyone especially desired his nomination; but they desired to defeat Grant, and Garfield was the only man they could unite on for that purpose.

It will be thus observed that, if precedents are worth anything, prominence in the scramble for the republican nomination is not especially desirable. It is possibly a keen knowledge of this which keeps Mr. Sherman so persistently quiet, and leads Mr. Blaine to announce that he is not a candidate. Even in 1876 Mr. Blaine was not unaware of this peculiarity of American politics and, when asked which of the other candidates he most feared, replied "The Great Unknown." And The Great Unknown is very likely to carry the next republican convention, as he has so many before. It is of course possible that his name is to be found on the list given at the outset; but prominence in that connection, at this early period, is about the worst thing that could happen to them. They and their friends would be much better employed, so far as their own interests go, in letting the nomination alone; and in helping to make things possible for a republican election.

FAIR TREATMENT.

The Chicago *Tribune* thinks the Northern Pacific was not treated too generously, and says: The Northern Pacific railroad had nothing but its land grant from the government and most of the land when granted was supposed to be worthless, as much of it has since proved to be. The Central and Union Pacific not only had enormous grants of land, but they also had a cash subsidy of $65,000,000—a sum sufficient to build the roads without the sale of an acre of land or the expenditure of a cent of private capital. The Northern Pacific, by comparison, was not too generously treated. It should be remembered, too, that the latter road has opened up to settlement a new and fertile portion of the public domain, and has already made immense additions to the national wealth. The feeling is very general in this section of the country at least that no substantial injustice will be done if the Northern Pacific shall be permitted to go on and complete its road under the terms of the original contract.

"Necessaries" is a term of indefinite meaning—but figures very largely in the law regulating the marital relations. It may be "necessary" for a wife to have a sealskin sacque, and under certain circumstances it may not be proper to go beyond a calico gown. A curious case has just been decided in Massachussetts. A husband whipped his wife, who employed a lawyer to prosecute him. Then he took proceedings against her on the charge of common drunkenness, and she engaged the same counsel to defend her. This lawyer sued the husband for the value of his services, relying upon the rule of law that a husband is liable for "necessaries" supplied to his wife. The supreme court accepted this view so far as pay for her defense was concerned, but ruled that the charge for prosecuting the husband could not be allowed.

The *Wood River Times*, says that exactly midnight, when the old year went out and the new year came in, the slopes along the Wood river towns were all re with miners, bent on securing to themselves a few new mining claims. Over 100 good locations in that vicinity made last year were not represented. They had been watched throughout the fall by nearly as many men, who in case the locators did not appear in time, were prepared to relocate or jump them for themselves. Many had gone onto the claims they intended to jump the week before, with tents, blankets, tools and "grub," so as to be the first claimants. Over 300 men had left the towns on the river to make locations, and most of them returned on the afternoon of the first.

An agent of King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands, is in London to buy a crown to be used at the coronation of his royal highness in January. That is a good market, as England is supposed to have several second-hand ones in her stock, the original proprietors having no further use for them. There is a great difference in tastes as to the style of crowns. An African traveler reports that he was received by a native sovereign in full [illegible] for his crown an empty tin can, on which was still visible the original label, "concentrated gravy." This would probably not suit Kalakaua, but it answered every purpose in the interior of the Dark Continent.

Miss Kate Field, who is a noted woman in many ways, got up a co-operative dress association in New York, the object of which was not so much to introduce reform in dress as to furnish ladies with [illegible] goods at cheaper rates, and to protect them from supposed extortioners in the dry goods trade. This association became Miss Field's hobby, and she strove hard to make it successful; but it has failed. Here is another proof that amateurs in any business have not much show of success when they undertake to compete in any line of trade or business with those who know what they are about.

A Cincinnati judge has decided that parties uttering messages over telephone wires must not use the word "damn." "The telephone," says the judge, "reaches into all classes of society—not only into business circles, but into many family circles. It must be remembered that it is possible from the peculiar arrangement of the instrument, to have a communication that is intended for one individual reach another. All communications, therefore, should be in proper language." A very proper decision. Paste it on the wall over your telephone.

Wiggins has been interviewed again by a correspondent of the New York *Herald* in regard to his great zephyr, and he insists that it will come on time. He says that he has foretold several other great storms, which have never failed to materialize when due. In January he anticipates a storm which will be "much above the average." Upon the 9th of February a great storm will strike the Atlantic. But there will be mere bagatelles in comparison with the storm which is coming in March. Wiggins proposes to make it a test case of veracity between him and the chief signal office at Washington.

Gen. John B. Gordon of Georgia, formerly United States senator, comes home from Europe proud of his country. He said to a reporter: "It is enough to make an American proud to ride through the streets of London, with its civilization of two thousand years, and see American implements, American sewing machines, American tools and American goods displayed on every hand and know that American watches are being sold in the stores and American fields are feeding the English people and American factories beginning to clothe them."

Dr. Holmes in the *Atlantic*: "I look across the Atlantic and see Mr. Gladstone, only four months younger than myself, standing erect with Patrick's grievances on one shoulder and Pharaoh's pyramids on the other—an atlas whose intervals of repose are paroxysms of learned labor."

For the benefit of the curious, the following information is given: The entire business of the St. Paul post-office, during 1882 was $3,686,896. The Portland office did a business of $3,795,416 or $110,000 more than that of St. Paul. St. Paul has 75,000 inhabitants, and Portland 35,000.

Liquid Damnation in Frozen Sticks

A St. Louis genius makes icicles out of pure whisky, and finds plenty of customers for all he can turn out. Frozen whisky tastes like the best imported champagne.—*Detroit Free Press.*

SOME NEW BOOKS.

"The George Eliot Birthday Book," and the "George Eliot Calendar for 1883," published by Hall & Whitney, of Boston, are now ready, and to be admired and appreciated need but to be seen. They are by a lady of Boston, whose rare literary acquisition and rich culture bespeak for her high commendation. The birthday book, in its exquisite binding of drab and blue, with letterings and designs in gold, contains a portrait of George Eliot, and illustrations by J. Appleton Brown. On the left hand pages are the quotations, and on the right are the name and date of birth of some eminent women, among them Charlotte Bronte, Lady Jane Grey, and the beautiful Heloise. And the author has shown a rare and delicate insight into character and condition by fitting, so to speak, the quotation to the woman. "The Calendar" is superb and artistic in design, being quite independent of "The Birthday Book," and containing a quotation for every day in the year.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. have just published the second volume of their exquisite Parchment Library Edition of Shakespeare—an edition which it is a pleasure to read, the paper is so white, the ink so black, and the type so clean and sharp. But there is a deeper pleasure in it than this, which is chiefly mechanical;—the pleasure of reading what Shakespeare wrote (if Judge Holmes and Mr. Morgan will allow us to think that Shakespeare wrote anything) without being distracted by what the commentators have scribbled upon it. Historical Introductions, Sources of Plot, and so on *ad infinitum*. That these have their value we are prepared to admit, but not in such an edition as this, which gives us the text of Shakespeare as his contemporaries had it, either in the quarters or the first and second folios, and which we ought to understand quite as well as they did, divining the meaning of corrupted passages, and feeling the greatness of the whole. We have four plays of the young Shakespeare here. The Comedy of Errors, Much Ado About Nothing, Love's Labor Lost, and A Midsummer Night's Dream, any page of which, the poorest, is worth all the dramatic writings of the Laureate, or, indeed, of any living English poet. "Write down, that they hope they serve God; and write God first; for God defend but God should go before such villians!" Masters, it is proved already that you are little better than false villains, and[illegible] will go near to be thought so shortly."

John G. Reed has published through Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, a book entitled "American Law Studies, or Self-Preparation for Practice in the United States." It commences with suggestions in aiding the young man to decide whether he is fitted for the legal profession, takes him through a course of study, with and without the aid of the law school, giving directions as to the best mode of acquiring a knowledge of the law, and applying it practically, giving a list of books and a synopsis of the works that should be read and studied, and a method of getting a good knowledge of reported cases up to the time of his admission to the bar, and through his early practices. It is divided into five books. Book I. is rather preliminary, and discusses the different methods of pursuing legal studies. Book II. gives a working knowledge of general laws, junior and senior course in contracts and in torts, and also in criminal law, civil procedure and kindred subjects, management of law suits and advocacy, importance of statutory construction; works on domestic relations and bailments, real and personal property and equity, and guides to reports and statutes. Book III. federal and state laws; and directions as to best methods of gaining familiarity with forms of every class. Book IV. treats of "subjects which in the main concern the young lawyer after admission, and are accessory to the strictly legal course," such as necessary non-legal knowledge; law periodicals, libraries, etc. Book V. treats of the Roman law and jurisprudence, giving a long list of books and authors.

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Stedman's essay on Emerson as a poet will appear in an early number of *The Century*.

The February *Century* (the "Midwinter" number) will contain a frontispiece portrait of Mr. George William Curtis, which is said to be one of the most successful engravings that Mr. Cole has yet made. The accompanying article will be from the pen of Mr. S. S. Conant, of Harper's Weekly.

Mayne Reid, the well known writer of boys' books, is quietly living on his farm in Herefordshire. His farm is his hobby and yields him a handsome living. Its chief product is wool, and from that material, grown upon the backs of his own sheep, he recently ordered to be made cloth for a suit of clothes, which he has presented to General Gordon, of confederate army fame.

No man, says an English writer, ever enjoyed life more than Anthony Trollope. He was full of common sense, yet ludicrously obstinate and perverse; roaring and sputtering, and wholly incapable of argument. Once he and a party of friends were in conclave at Henely. Some subject of importance was being considered, and some one made a suggestion. Trollope, engaged in conversation at the other end of the room, at once raised his head and his voice. "I differ from you entirely," he roared like a bull at a red rag. "I differ from you entirely! What was it you said?"

THE HOTEL DES INVALIDES.

The Hotel des Invalides in Paris was established in 1670, by Louis Fourteenth, as an asylum for invalid soldiers, and it has since been used for that purpose. Around it cluster glorious memories of the great military achievements of the past, and under its dome, in a magnificent tomb, rest the remains of the great Napoleon. A year ago fourteen of the survivors of Napoleon's campaign were among the inmates of the hospital. Originally designed to accommodate 6000 invalids, it now contains but 400, the remainder of the vast building being occupied as a military museum, galleries for plans in relief, commission offices, while eighty of the rooms are used as quarters for staff officers, which is claimed to be an abuse of privilege and the cause of much dissatisfaction.

As a symptom of the growing disposition of the French republican government to gradually destroy many of the great institutions which have grown up under former dynasties, an effort was made in the French chamber of deputies to abolish the Hotel des Invalides as an asylum for invalid soldiers, and substitute therefor to those entitled to its privileges a pension of 1000 or 1200 francs. The debate on the question, which we find in a recent French paper, shows that a feeling in favor of the discontinuance of the asylum has been steadily increasing for some years, and when the question came up a few days ago there were 142 votes in favor of its abolition to 242 against it. Unless a revolution or some foreign war should occur to turn the attention of the people to military affairs the asylum, which one of the deputies in the debate called "this suncole, this temple, this Pantheon of the military virtues," is probably doomed.

The Better the Levees the Worse the Floods.

Engineers' reports state that in 1858 the "inflow" of water into the lower valley of the Mississippi at Cairo was 1,475,000 cubic feet per second, while the discharge at or below New Orleans was only 1,109,000 cubic feet per second. In other words, the "inflow" was 374,000 cubic feet per second greater than the "outflow." This excess multiplied into 147 days, an average high water period, as stated by Gen. Humphreys, would show four trillion and seven hundred billion cubic feet more "inflow" at Cairo than "outflow" at New Orleans, and constitute a volume of water averaging 9 feet in depth and 47⅛ miles wide, extending from Cairo to the gulf. This vast area would be created by a water-shed above Cairo of 813,436 square miles having an average rainfall of 31 5-8 inches to the square mile. To be added to this is the rain-fall of the southern water-shed of 343,110 square miles, of an average depth of 39 inches to the square mile. This constitutes a volume of three trillion cubic feet more, or a body of water 12 feet deep by 47⅛ miles wide, extending from Cairo to the gulf. Such was the area and depth of the overflow of 1858, which Gen. Humphreys says lasted 199 days, and as stated by him was the year the levees were perfected from Cape Girardeau to New Orleans. To discharge this volume of water through the single channel passing New Orleans with its present velocity would require 60 days if there were not a single drop of water flowing into the river between Cairo and the mouth of Red river the lowest tributary. Even more absurdly advocates of levees and jetties would force all this vast mass of pent-up waters through the south or jetty "pass," which does not discharge 100,000 cubic feet per second, or one-tenth the volume of water that they tell us flows in front of the Crescent city. In 1858, when, as Gen. Humphreys says, the levees were perfected from Cape Girardeau to New Orleans, the overflow was more disastrous than ever before. In other words, the better the levees the worse the floods and incidental disasters. The river became 47⅛ miles wide and 12 feet from Cairo to the Balize. The submergence lasted 199 days—the longest on record. Noah's flood wasn't a circumstance. This year, as Captain Leathers states, "the river went it blind, climbing over the tops of the levees."—*The American Register.*

AN OLD NEW-MEX CAN CHURCH.

The Zuni Indians—Curious Priests Introduced the Olive, the Pear, and the Grape.

An interesting paragraph is going the rounds of the press of Mexico, in regard to unto wealth concealed beneath the ruins of the ancient palace of King Tenamaxcuicoli. As the story goes, this ancient monarch, hearing the approach of Cortez, hid his valuables in subterranean passage leading to the palace. Workmen digging in that vicinity have recently unearthed a tunnel, and have already brought to light some images in use at the period. The more sanguine think the treasure itself will be shortly reached, and are digging for it with the energy of treasure-seekers. At last accounts the untold wealth has not been reached.

The foregoing clipping suggests to my mind says Phillip Reade, of the United States army the old church in New Mexico, near Koslowsky's ranch, called the Pecos church, from the stream of the same name close by.

Over forty years ago Lieuts. Abert and Peck of the United States army, were sent by the chief of engineers, of the United States army to make explorations in New Mexico. Their report included a pictorial sketch and a very elaborate description of the Pecos church.

I first saw the ruins of the building in 1573. It was then in a ruined condition, because unroofed, but the site of the original edifice was plainly visible. Many interesting traditions and some facts were told me regarding the structure by old Koslowsky and others. It is believed that the Zuni Indians lived generations ago on the lowlands of New Mexico, and not, as now, in mountainous regions. The Zunis built the Pecos church under the supervision of the Jesuits. When detached parties of adventurous soldiers of fortune, followers or descendants of Cortez, journeyed northward from old Mexico, they were accompanied by priests. Wherever it was possible missions were established, and the holy fathers began their work of conversion. These missions marked the route of the expeditionary forces, and to this day many of the adobe buildings are in a good state of preservation. The Pecos church is one. The priests introduced olive and pear trees and particularly grape-vines. To the fruit from the latter was thus given the name of the Mission grape. Every church had its patron saint; thus near Fort Union, New Mexico, is the church of St. Guadalupe; near Fort Bayard, New Mexico, the Mission of Santa Rita; near Fort Lowell, Arizona, the Cathedral of St. Xavier; etc. Southern California is filled with these missions, and gigantic olive trees, six feet in circumstance, and grape vines a foot in diameter, still bear fruit in San Diego, Cal., close beside the beautiful palm trees also planted long before our day by the holy fathers of their native proselytes.

The once famous Santa Rita copper-mines were worked by those zealous Catholics. The productiveness of the mines of precious metals more than a century ago is attested to by the parchment records still preserved at Madrid, at the City of Mexico, at Santa Fe, and many other places of lesser note. At one time the county clerk at Silver City, New Mexico, had in his possession the parchment records showing the shipment from the church of the Kneeling Nun, per pack-mule train, to the City of Mexico of a large amount of precious metal and pure copper, the yield of New Mexican mines contributed by missions for the good of the church.

The records and missions mark an area in the history of this country, and afford abundant study for the archæologist. The oldest settlement in the United States is not St. Augustine, nor are the oldest buildings of recorded histories located in Florida.

The Pecos church was built by the Indians belonging to that mission, and they builded better than they knew. The adobe bricks have been exposed these forty years to wind and weather. The evasive action of the rain is manifest in the guttered sides, but a portion of the walls still stand. In 1878 a part of one side, say sixty-five by thirty feet, was standing, and the solid wooden sills were larger than could be hewn from any trees now growing in New Mexico soil. How such pieces of lumber were transported to the place where used, and indeed where they came from are matters for conjecture only. The sills were all quaintly ornamented, appearing as if red-hot arc-shaped stones had been used to burn irregular curves upon their surface. The adobe bricks were each 40x24x12 inches, and harder than most kiln-burned bricks.

Koslowsky told me that within his remembrance the mission bell had been stolen, but it is more than probable that he was the depredator, as, by his own confession, he had spent much time in undermining the church, searching for treasure. In fact, his only son was killed by lightning while digging for vessels of gold and silver, fabled to have been buried beneath the altar by the priests at a time when the Navajoe Indians raided the pueblo.

Near by the church are the remains of a pueblo, or village, of Indians believed to have been Zunis, and a circle of stones is pointed out as the location of their sacred fire, once kept constantly burning, awaiting the coming of Montezuma when he should have worn out the golden slippers donned by him when he, according to their traditions, departed from their midst centuries ago. These Zunis were not a warlike people, and suffered greatly from the incursions of the fierce Navajoes. The raids became so incessant that they finally abandoned the Pecos pueblo and migrated about three hundred miles westward, near to where is now Fort Wingate. The instinct of self-preservation caused them, like the Moquis, or cave-dwellers, to change, also, their mode of habitation. Just how this came about I endeavored to tell you in my communication written last May.

The demolition of the Pecos church is due more to the cupidity and vandalism of such as Koslowsky than to the natural ravages of time. The present preserved condition of the ruins is due to the superstition of such men. The death, by lightning, within the church walls, of Koslowsky was followed by the death of a repairman on the United States military telegraph line while engaged in repairing the line immediately in front of Koslowsky's ranch. The superstitions and fears of the old man were so excited by the occurrences that, thereafter, he shunned the church as the devil is said to shun holy water. It is still believed, however, that near to where the chancel was are hidden metallic treasures deposited by the descendants of the Aztecs or their contemporaries.

Effect of Alcohol on the Brain.

Hyrtl, by far the greatest anatomist of the age, used to say that he could distinguish in the darkest room by one stroke of the scalpel, the brain of the inebriate from that of a person who lived soberly. Now and then he was in possession of a drunkard's brain, admirably fitted, from its hardness and more complete preservation, for the purpose of demonstration. When the anatomist wishes to preserve a human brain for any length of time, he effects that object by keeping that organ in a vessel of alcohol. From a soft, pulpy substance it then becomes comparatively hard; but in the inebriate, anticipating the anatomist, the brain begins the indurating process—begins it while the brain remains the consecrated temple of the soul—while its delicate and gossamer-like tissues still throb with the pulse of heaven-born life. Strange infatuation, that thus desecrates the god-like. Terrible enchantment that dries up all the fountain of generous feelings, petrifies all the tender humanities and sweet charities of life, leaving only a brain of lead and a heart of stone!

Mrs. Garfield is entertaining a few friends of the late president at her home in Cleveland. A correspondent writes from that city to the Louisville *Courier-Journal*: "Mrs. Garfield looks much better than she did early in the summer. There is a better color in her face and she is more fleshy. She looks older and is more careworn and numerous wrinkles have appeared in the face since I last saw her. Her dress is wonderfully plain, as is that also of her husband's mother.

Music can live anywhere comfortably except in a church. This proves that they can't live on religion any more than a minister can.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

Life is but short, therefore, crosses cannot be long.—*Flavel.*

The way to get out of self-love is to love Christ.—*Augustine.*

Thanksgiving, in substance should be often written thanksgiving.—*Matthew Henry.*

A true reform is a reform of the heart, and in that, and that only, there is safety.—*The Criterion.*

The soul of John must have been pervaded by eternal, childlike Christmas joys!—*Schleiermacher.*

We implore the mercy of God, not that He may leave us in our sins, but that he may save us from them.—*Pascal.*

There is nothing greater than the name of Christ, but nothing more to be feared than to bear it unworthily.—*Quesnel.*

Can we be unsafe where God has placed us, and where He watches over us, as a parent a child whom he loves?—*Fenelon.*

When the day comes that Christians are Christians, then will the great mass of mankind be convinced of the truth of Christianity.—*Spurgeon.*

As the sea bird sleeps calmly on the bosom of the ocean billow, so in all trying circumstances sweetly rests the soul that is stayed on God.—*Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer.*

Not a single faithful word is ever uttered that does not repeat itself in echoes till it reaches the throne of God. Not a noble deed is ever done, however obscurely, that is not chronicled in heaven.

Chrysostom said beautifully, so beautiful that the words have been preserved like a fly in amber: "God has given a man two eyes; if he lose one he has another. But man hath only one soul; if he lose that the loss to him can never be made good again."

Faith without repentance is not faith, but presumption, like a ship all sail and no ballast, that tippeth over with every blast. And repentance without faith is not repentance, but dispair, like a ship all ballast and no sail, which sinketh of her own weight.—*Sanderson.*

Conscience is your magnetic needle. Reason is your chart. But I would rather have a crew willing to follow the indications of the needle, and giving themselves no great trouble as to the chart, than a crew that had ever so great a chart and no needle at all.—*Joseph Cook.*

Know, dearest brother, says St. Francis of Assisi, that courtesy is one of God's own properties. Who sendeth his rain upon the just and upon the unjust, out of his great courtesy is the sister of charity, who banishes hatred and cherishes love.—*Fioretti.*

Annihilate not the mercies of God by the oblivion of ingratitude; for oblivion is a kind of annihilation; and for things to be as though they had not been; is like unto never being. Make not thy head a grave, but a repository of God's mercies.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

We hold reunions not for the dead, for there is nothing in all the earth that you and I can do for the dead. They are past our help, and past our praise. We can add to them no glory, we can give to them no immortality. They do not need us, but forever and for evermore we need them.—*Garfield.*

There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can improve the world by agreeing with it. No, it is not conformity that we want; it is not being able to beat the world in its own way; but it is to stand apart and above it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life—this only can give us a true Christian power.—*Bushnell.*

Christ is risen, and is a living presence in the household of his disciples; more a presence in his visible church to-day than he ever was in the synagogues of Palestine, or even the upper chamber at Jerusalem; and that the resurrection, the uprising of the spirit when he has made it to live in him, endowed with a new being, and already, here and now, in fellowship with the father and his son Jesus Christ, entering into life eternal.—*Lyman Abbott.*

The crusaders have passed into history, and serve now to fill only a few of its pages. The scarlet cross on the mantle has perished with the wearer, but the cross in the heart abides still in the souls of the justified. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. The blossoms and fruit from those branches cannot be mistaken. Wherever, wherever they may be found, whoever cultivates these Christian graces in the heart, bears the sign of the cross of the Saviour said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."—*Rev. T. Taylor.*

How few read Fenelon, and Pascal now. What a contrast all this presents to the spirit of the Christain life! The genius of the gospel is in harmony with the still moments of the spiritual communion, and elevated taste, and heavenly affection. It says, "Not in the feverishness of excitement, not in the tumult of passion, not in the noise of faction, not in the conflict of ambition, not in proud pre-eminence and brilliant assemblages is your true life." "Enoch walked with God," "Go forth into the wilderness, and I will there talk with you." "Every man went to his home; Jesus went to the Mount of Olives."

Without action we grow stagnant or retrograde in things pertaining to morals as in moral acquirements. It is easy to say we can worship God by reading a good sermon at home. The cares of the household often crowd out the book we mean to read. The spirit of worship promoted by the sanctuary, the rest that the house of God gives, the taking of the minds from every day duties and surroundings, the inspiration to better living, the influence upon others in keeping the day sacred, all make regular church-going a necessity if those who would keep their Christian hope and life in a condition that shall be a joy to themselves and an inspiration to others.—*Congregationalist.*

Moral decay in the family is the invariable prelude to public corruption. It is a false distinction which we make between public integrity and private honor. The man whom you cannot admit into your family, whose morals are corrupt, can not be a pure statesman. Whoever studies history will be profoundly convinced that a nation stands or falls with the sanctity of its domestic ties. Rome mixed with Greece and learned her morals. The Goth was at her gates; but she fell not until she was corrupted and tainted at the heart. The domestic corruption preceded the political. When there was no longer purity on the hearth-stones, nor integrity in her senate, then, and not till then, her death-knell was rung.—*Robertson.*

St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "When we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work neither should he eat." He himself refused to give, and he authoritatively forbade others to give, where giving would do more harm than good. Wise charity must often wear this stern aspect, but its genuineness is no more to be called into question on that account than the reality of the apostle's religion. He refused to support out of church funds those who, though able to eat their own bread, preferred to live upon their neighbors. His language is strong, and his tone so very decided in treating of this matter, because his religion was real and fervent conviction, and not mere effusive sentiment. It was to him a sad sight to see men destitute, but their idleness and lack of self-respect was sadder still; and if the sharpness of want alone could rouse them to effort, the pangs were salutary, and true charity could not ward them off.—*Monthly Register.*

Cutting Jewish Women's Hair.

There is a remarkable mystery surrounding the origin of the custom of the Jewish women cutting off their hair and donning a wig on their marriage. Even in the present day the custom is still observed by the ultra orthodox. The effects of the custom were supposed to give a clue to its origin. There was undoubtedly too much reason in the middle ages for Jewesses to be eager to make themselves as unattractive as possible. The custom of cutting off the hair of the bride on the wedding day is not mentioned in the Talmud. According to Mishnah Ketuboth, vii, 6, is contrary to Jewish custom for married women to appear in the street with head uncovered. Out of modesty the custom was also observed in the house, and in order to remove the possibility of yielding to temptation, the hair serving no longer as an ornament, but being a superfluous weight on the head—was entirely cut off. According to Mishnah Nazir, iv., 5, the cutting off the hair is considered a disfigurement, which the husband could veto in case of his wife being a Nazarite. Some few believe that the custom dates from the very earliest times, and they found their opinion upon the allusion thereto in Deuteronomy, chapter xxi., 12. Referring to the mode prescribed for taking a captive woman for a wife, the text says: "Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, and she shall shave her head."—*Jewish Chronicle.*

THE ROUND TABLE.

A Pennsylvania Dutchman's Opinion of Washington Irving.

Extract from Nasby's Letter in Toledo Blade.

The American notion of a Hollander is largely derived from dear old Washington Irving, the same as the world's idea of Richard III is taken from Shakespere. A Dutchman in str mind is a man with broad beam, his natural width being increased by a multiplicity of breeches, and his squat figure topped off with his enormous hat, and bottomed with large square shoes with buckles, and finished with a long pipe always. He lingers in the American mind as a dull, plodding, persevering, phlegmatic man. The persevering part is all that is correct of the Dutchman now, in the cities, at least. No matter what he was in the time when New York was occupied by them, you find him at home to be one of the handsomest men in the civilized world—keen, shrewd, exceedingly active, and as smart as the best business man anywhere. He is dressed always with great neatness and precision. His women are even extravagant in their love of dress and ornament; and his cities, instead of being dull and sleepy, are the most noisy and bustling places of their size in all Europe.

Perseveting! A race may well claim that quality that can fence out the sea and keep it fenced out as the price of its existence. Every foot of land of almost the whole of the Kingdom has been wrested from the ocean; and it is even now as much as ever a constant struggle with the Atlantic for its possession. Let anyone of the vast dykes break, and the whole country, cities, farms and villages would again be under water, and the ocean winds would howl over what is now the richest agricultural country in the world. To get some idea of what Holland is and what labor it has cost to make it what it is, imagine a country centuries ago near all of which was many feet below the level of the sea, and the sections above the level merely low-lying islands, marshes and swamps and a vast area a part of the sea itself, the interior being lower than the line of the shallows of the coast. Imagine, then, the building of a wall on a coast where the tide rises sixteen feet, strong enough to resist not only the rush of the tide, but the added fury of the severe storms which prevail in the northern countries. After this an embankment was built, the water had to be removed, pumped out, that the land might be habitable. As the elevation from the lowest levels of the land to the level of the sea is too great for the water in the interior to be raised at one operation, a series of dykes had to be built, with a canal on the exterior of each, the water from the interior level pumped by means of wind-mills to the canal outside the first dyke, from thence to the canal on the second, and so on for many miles, till it is finally discharged into the highest level, the ocean. Small canals or ditches are dug every sixty feet, in which the water is drained from the land, collected, as it were, to be pumped from one to the other of the main canals, which are sixty feet wide and six to eight feet deep.

And this work us been going on for centuries—this constant fight against the elements. It justifies the old Dutch saying: "God made the sea, we made the shore."

The country must be protected by dykes against the rivers as well as the ocean, for the deposits brought down from their sources have raised their beds above the level of the country, and but for costly embankments, would inundate the country and convert it again into the swamp it was. Holland is a country of dykes and ditches. With so much land in the world unoccupied, it is a mystery why reclamation on such a vast scale was ever attempted, and why it is maintained at such enormous cost; but it was and is, and the country is the richest and most prosperous in Europe.

The dykes are constructed of earth stamped and compressed to make them as hard as possible, and then planted with willows and trees, the roots of which make more solid the earth. In places immense walls of solid masonry are found necessary to make them proof against the action of the fierce waves.

The pumping is done at the expense of the government, the service costing 6,000,000 florins a year.

The extraordinary fertility of these "polders," as the reclaimed land is termed, is accounted for by the fact that when there is too much water in the soil, it can be drained in a very short time, and when there is a drouth the land may be irrigated without trouble or expense. The land is everywhere many feet lower than the canals.

If the sea wall should break it would inundate the first dyke; if the volume of water should break through the second dyke it won't rush on to a third, and so on till the whole country be inundated. It is this ever-threatening danger which calls for the care which is taken of the dykes, and the vigilant watch that is kept over them. The safety of the whole kingdom depends upon their strength.

It is now proposed to reclaim the whole of the Zuyder Zee, which will give Holland a new province of 997 square miles, at an estimated cost of 120,000,000 florins, making the land cost nearly $175 an acre. It is well worth it, however, as the crops grown on these lands are enormous, and from their contiguity to the great consuming cities of the world, everything grown in Holland brings a very high price. Besides this, owing to their facilities for irrigation, dry seasons do not affect them, and as they can pump all the water off they choose to, wet seasons are of no damage. As the climate is very regular, good crops are the rule. In Holland art has triumphed over nature. Give a Hollander a sea and a windmill, and he will make a farm anywhere, providing it is wet enough. After what they have done, it would not be singular if, after finishing the Zuyder Zee, they should tackle the great German ocean. They are capable of anything in this direction.

The windmills are cumbrous, but very effective. The machinery used to pump the water is a long screw propelled by the windmill, which raises a steady stream, and a very large one, any light desired. The crown of the dykes makes their principal roads, and, as they are paved with the conclusionness that characterize the work of the Dutch in everything, very delightful roads they are. It is a novel sight to be riding along them and looking down from your carriage upon immense barges not five feet from you. Then your sight ranges over the perfectly flat country as far as the eye can reach, ships, barges and boats of all kinds, sometimes above you and sometimes below, sailing in every possible direction. As you cannot see the water under them, it looks as though they were making way by some invisible power "across lots," and going wheresoever they pleased. One is reminded of the captain of an Ohio river boat who, boasting of the little water she drew, claimed he would sail the "Mary Ann" across a meadow if the dew was on the grass.

Everywhere you see cows all black and white and magnificent animals they are. The peculiarity of a Dutch landscape is cows and trees, and a picturesque landscape they make. The country is perfectly flat—if there is any difference it is that one section is flatter than another, but as the eye takes in miles of territory, and as the canals and roads are all bordered with trees, and as the houses all have enormous steep roofs of red tiles, and as the fields are full of cows, with villages very thickly dotted over the country, there is no lack of beauty in it. It doesn't require a cold gray rock to make beauty. A mountain is beautiful only in one way, and beauty has many forms. There is beauty of one kind in a red-headed woman. After you have been surfeited with the Rhine, with its vine-clad hills and naked, ruin-crowned rocks, flat Holland, with its green fields, red-brown houses and black and white cows, is a positive relief.

JOHN G. SAXE.

Rumor That The Great Yankee Humorist Has Softening of the Brain.

Mr. John G. Saxe, the poet, still resides in Albany, at the home of his son, and is an invalid. The disease from which he suffers is neuralgia, and affecting the great nerve centers, and accompanied by chronic dyspepsia. The result is considerable physical pain and a degree of emaciation. As exaggerated statements have been made concerning the gentleman's condition, it is well that the facts be thus correctly given. It should be added that no impairment of mental strength is characteristic or a consequence of the disease, and that, of course, the reports of Mr. Saxe having experienced softening of the brain have no foundation in fact. The poet reads regularly, but feels indisposed to writing; still, in conversation, his logic, fancy and analytic abilities are shown to be as marked as at any time. His many friends and admirers, regretting to learn of his illness, will, nevertheless, be gratified to know that the impressions concerning any disorder or decay of the mind of the suf

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POPULATION OF CHINA

A correspondent of the London *Times* writing from Shanghai says there is reason to believe that China has fallen from enormous wealth and population during the last fifty years. The last complete census of the empire taken in 1812 gave a total of 360 000 000. Since that time there has been an interne me civil war which has caused the death of 80 000 000 of people while other wars have also made serious inroads so that it is the lightly maintained that the population cannot now exceed from 250 000 000 to 300 000 000

By law every province ought to make an annual return of population but this seems to have fallen into desuetude Only one province so far has resumed the practice viz Chehkiang In 1812 this province stood for 26 257 000, and it is now reported as containing only 11 570 000 inhabitants Chehkiang is a very fertile province and the center of the silk industry so that the population might be expected to fill up by emigration more rapidly than in other places. If therefore notwithstanding all these advantages the population in this one province has decreased by 13 000 000 it is not unreasonable to suppose that the falling off over the whole eight or ten which are known to have suffered is at least 100 000 000 and that the present population of China does not exceed over 250 000 000 The returns of land tax payable are further confirmatory of this conclusion In 1812 the land tax payable in Chehkiang was 5 8 0 000 taels now it stands at only 2 1 0 000 taels It is said that ever since the Taeping rebellion the financial prosperity of the country has steadily declined Though the officers of the government have striven in every way to raise revenue the receipts of the public exchequer are more insignificant than ever and the people are in a state of poverty that has no precedent in the history of the empire Under these circumstances we cannot wonder at Chinese emigration

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

There is more than ordinary disposition on the part of the press to discuss and prophecy as to who may be the next republican candidate for the presidency, and the discussion brings to the front a half dozen of names as follows General Sherman Senators Logan Edmunds and Harrison Secretary Lincoln and ex-Secretary Windom The names of Senator Sherman and Mr Blaine are not especially mentioned it being understood that they as men once spoken by the miserable fever are always candidates

But there is one thing which, from year to year, seems constantly to escape these presidential professors, to-wit the history of their country With the exception of General Grant — whose military achievements lifted him out of the ordinary category no man since the republican party became a living entity who was prominent in the presidential scramble has been nominated by it Prominence has of itself proved fatal to success. Previous to the Chicago convention of 1860 the drift was all towards Mr Seward Among other possibilities Simon Cameron Salmon P Chase and Edward Bates were freely talked of. It is doubtful if Mr Lincoln's name was ever heard of in that connection a month before the convention met Yet Mr Seward's prominence dragged him down, and Mr Lincoln was nominated not because he was the choice of the party, but because he was the most available man with whom to beat Seward There is a little woman down at our house said Mr Lincoln when the news came to him who would like to hear this—I'll go down and tell her

In 1876 Mr Blaine, by one of the most brilliant and powerful personal efforts for the presidency ever made in this country had it was generally supposed the nomination, and There can be no doubt but a decided majority of the delegates in the Cincinnati convention were in favor of his nomination and though the highest vote received by him at any one trial was 351 —28 short of a choice yet of all the delegates who voted for him on different ballots had done so on the same ballot he would have had considerably more than enough. Again, all the candidates the least thought of was Gov Hayes of Ohio. He was the last a Blaine ply because as soon as he had secured the nomination favorable movement much regretted. At present it is fortunate that at least three Ohio delegation seem not to think at the end of the third movement on the 4th of the right for an open compliment and as many of the delegates together until could be done to withdraw the name of Hayes on the second ballot Mr Hayes received 384 and he recommended that on second ballot would have him. I was the opinion they could unite upon the 378 to defeat Blaine

The change convention [illegible] in mind that few delegates [illegible] upon the thirty-fifth ballot Mr Garfield had received but two votes On the thirty-fifth ballot 399 It was not many of that 399 positively declared his nomination but they believed to defeat Grant and Garfield was the only man they could unite on [illegible]

It will be thus observed that if present indications are worth anything prominence in the contest for the republican nomination is not to be the republican nomination is [illegible] of those who helped Mr Sherman Blaine to defeat in 1876 Mr Blaine is an active candidate Even in 18 Mr Blaine was not unaware [illegible]

SOME NEW BOOKS.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Mr Stedman's essay [illegible] appears with [illegible] number of *The Century*

The February *Lippincott* the Midwinter number will contain a [illegible] Mr [illegible] Williams Irving which is said by some of the most successful engravings that Mr Cole has ever made The accompanying article will be from the pen of Mr [illegible] Conant of [illegible]

Mayne Reid the [illegible] writes [illegible] including [illegible] in the army in Hindostan [illegible] His farm is [illegible] and yields him [illegible] Rice is [illegible] products [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] Mr Reid [illegible] Mr Mayne [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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IN AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

G. S. Waddington has been appointed assistant engineer on the jetty.

Capt. Corbin, from New York, delivered over his command yesterday.

Capt. Ingalls has been ill for several days, and is confined to his room.

Capt. Wm. Watson, Post Commander of Fort Stevens, was in the city yesterday.

Petition of Robert A. Habersham, who is ill at the poor farm, was much praised yesterday.

The Typographical Union, No. 58, meets this evening at 7:30 o'clock, over Prentiss's tonsorial parlors.

The excitement was greatly increased by a runaway on Second street yesterday morning, but no damage was done.

Capt. Phillips, clerk at the custom house, who has been confined to his house for a few days with a severe attack of rheumatism, is able to be out again.

Gardner, Indian inspector, is at the Portland. He has now visited all the agencies in Oregon except Grande Ronde.

Deputy Collector of John Feuver, who died Friday at the marine hospital, will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The petit jury in the circuit court, after being out more than 100 hours, returned into court yesterday morning, and rendered a verdict of guilty.

Hadley, who was arrested a few days since charged with stealing a duck, was yesterday released from custody. He proved to be the wrong party.

The annual ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place at Turn Halle on Tuesday evening. The entertainments of this society are always enjoyable affairs.

E. Dubuy has purchased a two-third interest in the saloon of Mr. Calliope which plies on the waters of this city and Washougal, and will in the future be found on board of the steamer. In a short time the boat will be refitted and thoroughly overhauled and repainted for the summer trade.

NOTICE FOR THE COUNTY COURT.

Estate of Jacob Muller against Jos Hackel; Jacob Muller against defendant when sheriff returned a not-to-be attachment levied by Muller. Jury trial--if to be held and the following-named persons summoned: Ist Taylor, Tyler Woodward, Barr, M. M. Hunter, S. Lambert and

ARRIVED NOTES.

Steamer Ona sailed in from sea, yesterday, and left for Astoria.

Steamer Oregon arrived down at 5 P. M. Will proceed outward to-day.

Steamer Bonita, for Alaska, arrived down at 5 P. M. and will also leave outward this morning.

TAKES HOME.

Mrs. Rhodes, whose foot was amputated some days seven ago, very slowly, and his wife became to have him at home. Ex-Mayor Crawford was taken yesterday and attended to his wounds at once. The symptoms are favorable for his recovery, and consequent low visits the receiving asylums.

SEVERE DEATH OF A CHILD.

Afternoon, while Judge Stott was holding court, a boy was brought to him that his infant child, of age, was seriously ill. Court was adjourned for the purpose, but before the Judge could reach the home the child was dead. It had been ailing for a few days, and consequent low visits the receiving asylums.

SENTENCED FOR SIXTY DAYS.

Ralph Bonnes and Willie McGowan, two boys arrested for stealing wheat on one of the Shippers have been assigned for some sacks cut open and wheat stolen, and after they had confessed to their guilt were sentenced by Judge Stott to sixty days in the penitentiary.

SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS transacted at the Portland postoffice during last year:

Number of postmarks, clerks, railway mail clerks and weighing clerks.....
Money orders issued--Domestic.....
Foreign.....
Total.....$25,715,402; total.....$759,112,89.
Money orders paid--Domestic.....$616,302 28; Foreign.....
Total.....$697,008 56.

THE POSTAL PENNY.

Postmaster Lee expects to have their extra ferry-boat on the 20th inst. A temporary landing will be erected from the foot of M street diagonally across the river to the present I street slip till the river rises sufficiently to permit of driving piles or a roadway on the east side, when it will conform to the present grade. This enterprise will be appreciated by the traveling public, as the accommodations in this way established.

STREET CONTRACTS LET.

Contracts for improving West Park street, from Salmon, by grading, macadamizing, curbing and crosswalks was, yesterday, let by the P. P. company for $7,432 60. The company is moving Front street, from Vine to Ash, and the contract for the same was also let to the same contractors for $1,000. The contract for macadamizing Columbia street, from Ladd's to Nicholai, was let to Gibson for $800 or $900.

FROM COAST TO COAST.

Arrangements recently made provide for the through Pullman cars from New York city, over the Pennsylvania, Chicago, St. Paul and Northern Pacific, to go as soon as the connection is made across the river during the coming spring. The connection will be through Portland, and will form an eastern visitor of the Pullman. It only route over which through cars will pass to ocean.

LECTURE.

Rev. Dunlway will lecture by invitation at the Congregationalist church on next Monday evening, January 15. Subject--"Christian Citizenship." The ladies of the church having the matter in charge will spare no pains to make the occasion attractive. Professor Donehue of Portland, U. T., will be present with the Watchman. What of the Night?" and by request will give the lecture in the hall of the Y. M. C. A.

ACTIVE MEMBERS' SURRENDERED.

Col. E. S. Kenney returned from Pendleton, having in charge the four Indians, Wood Scot, Peters and Ah Hoot, charged with murder of Thorpe upon Muilheron on the reservation some time since. As has been the case in all previous instances, Sheriff Smith of Umatilla county has failed to deliver up to the Indians to the U. S. authorities, any of Umatilla county having claimed that the murder was committed upon the Indian reservation, and that the Indians should be tried by the Indian authorities. Judge Deady issued a warrant for the arrest of Sheriff Smith, but the latter, learning of the proceedings, left the city before the warrant was served. Col. Kenney returned to Pendleton to-day, and will proceed to deliver the Indians to the U. S. authorities.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Special Meeting Yesterday to Solicitous Appointed to Co-Operate in the Action of Commercial Associations.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, President Failing in the chair. Mr. Macleay, chairman of the committee on other actions with reference to the Columbia River harbor improvement, reported that the committee had met Major Handbury in conference and had decided

William Nagle, colored, [illegible]

Whereas, The Board of Trade of the city of Portland has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Nagle, a member of the Board, and

Whereas, We desire to express our sympathy with the family of the deceased in their bereavement, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trade of the city of Portland tenders to the family of the deceased its sincere sympathy in their affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to procure a suitable floral piece to be placed upon the casket of the deceased at the funeral, and that the members of the Board be requested to attend the funeral in a body

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Will be published the following places:

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
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Eugene City, Lane County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, Tuesday and Thursday.
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Seattle, King County, W. T., Tuesday and Thursday.
Whatcom, Whatcom County, W. T., Tuesday and Thursday.
Waitsburg, Walla Walla County, W. T., Tuesday and Thursday.
Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, W. T., Tuesday and Thursday.
Dayton, Columbia County, W. T., Tuesday and Thursday.
Lewiston, Nez Perces County, Idaho, Tuesday and Thursday.
Boise City, Idaho, Tuesday and Thursday.
Silver City, Owyhee County, Idaho, Tuesday and Thursday.
Florence, Idaho, Tuesday and Thursday.
Virginia City, Montana, Tuesday and Thursday.
Helena, Montana, Tuesday and Thursday.
Bannack City, Montana, Tuesday and Thursday.
Deer Lodge City, Montana, Tuesday and Thursday.
Fort Benton, Montana, Tuesday and Thursday.

AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

Mr. Chapman has been appointed cashier of the Oregon branch bank.

The steamer Oregon, from New York, delivered her freight on the wharf.

Mr. Ladd has been ill for several days, and is confined to his house.

Mr. Wilson, Post Commander at Fort Vancouver, is in the city.

Mrs. Colonel R. A. Habersham, who is ill at Vancouver, was much worse yesterday.

The Typographical Union No. 58, meets at Lodge room at 6 o'clock, over Prentice's music store.

A fire was started by a runaway on Second yesterday morning, but no damage was done.

Mr. Hooper, clerk at the custom house, who has been sick days with pneumonia, is able to be out.

The new Japanese Chinese actor, appeared before a large and admiring audience of celestials last night.

Mr. Gardner, Indian inspector, is at the Esmond. He has now visited all the agencies in Oregon.

The remains of John Powers, who died Friday at the Marine Hospital, will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The petition for attempted jury bribery means not more than ten years nor more than ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Officer Wilson arrested a few days since for shooting and stealing a duck, was yesterday released on bail. He proved to be the wrong man.

The annual ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place at Turn Halle on Tuesday evening. The entertainment of this society are always the best.

Mr. Gibson, Marsh Smallidon and Tarry Gilmore, of the gang of chicken thieves which has been infesting the back-yards of the western part of the city, were arrested last evening.

Mr. Wm. Kapus has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Portland Hotel. The funds to be forwarded by telegraph to H Villard at New York. It will probably raise sufficient more than enough.

DISTINGUISHED LAWYER COMING.—Hon. S. Howard, son of the late Secretary Howard, has been engaged as counsel for Wells Fargo & Co. in their suit against the N P R R Co., and will arrive in San Francisco on his way to this city. He remains there about a week before leaving for Portland.

DEATH LURKING IN COMBS.—For some time those a druggist of this city named Ackerman a open upon his foo Shortly afterwards he became very sore and he entered the hospital. It is now feared that blood poisoning has set in, and that he will probably be delayed to the bed, but Compist objected.

SECURED AN INTEREST.—Mr. J. H. Bonny has purchased a two-third interest in the steamer Calliope which plies on the Columbia between this city and Washougal and will in addition to his interest on board of her. In a short time he will be taken out on the ways and thoroughly cleaned and repainted for the summer trade.

SUMMONS FOR THE COUNTY COURT.—The suit of Jacob Master against Joe Buchtel and others, to obtain an attachment levied by Mul. Kimball, a deputy sheriff, to be held and the follow ing described Lot to wit: Taylor Wood R. R. Barr, M. M. Hunter, N. Lambert and

SHIPPING NOTES.—The Oneonta sailed in from sea, yesterday, and sailed for Oregon arrived down at 5 P M. Will probably get outward to-day.

The Active, Barnes, for Alaska arrived down at 5 P M. Will also leave outward this morn ing.

TAKEN HOME.—Mr. Young, whose foot was amputated some days ago, progresses very slowly and his wife became alarmed yesterday and attended to him at that place. The symptoms are favorable, but his age and consequent low vi tality renders his recovery tedious.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD.—This afternoon, while Judge Stott was hold ing court, word was brought to him that his infant child, aged 4 months and 20 days, was seriously ill. Court was immediately adjourned, but before the judge could reach his residence the child had been dead several minutes, brought on by teething. Every assistance could be obtained life was extinct.

NOTICE.—Parties having claims against the estate of Christopher Dunn are hereby notified to present them at my office, corner of First and Ash streets, for settlement.

JOHN DENT, Executor.

FOR SALE.—A GOOD FAMILY COW. Inquire at 106 Second street.

FOR SALE.—A NEW AND SECOND-HAND SAFE. Inquire at 106 Second street.

FOR SALE.—A NEW SAW MILL HAVING only six months. Average capacity 20,000 feet in 24 hours. Also 37 head of good working cattle, necessary appurtenances for logging and erecting a steam saw mill. Present location, Sauvie's Island, Columbia county. For terms, apply at Mill or to A. S. M. ILLER & SON, First street, Portland.

A. S. M. ILLER & SON.

SHOES AND BOOTS.

SHOES!
SHOES!
BOOTS.
BOOTS.

From Eastern Houses, a consignment of Sixty Thousand Dollars' worth of Boots and Shoes, which we will sell during the next Thirty Days so as to give room for and near, a show to buy in two pairs of each kind of goods to be sold to each customer, as we are 20 per cent. lower than the market rates. The following are the prices:

Cotton Shoes	$2 00
Kip Brogan boles	2 50
Ladies' latest styles, French Lamp	2 50
Calf boot, worked button holes	3 00
Calf Shoes	2 50
Calf Boot, best in the market	3 50
Boys' coarse calf skins	2 50
Boys' tap soles	2 00
Calf	$4 to 4 50

Every pair will be sold in the same proportion as above.

Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

The Cheap Boot & Shoe House

Of S. Ball, Yamhill and Taylor streets, Portland, Or.

CHARLEMAN GALLICK, Prop'r.

AMUSEMENTS.

PORTLAND SKATING RINK.

Grand Masquerade Carnival

This evening.

SKATING EVERY

Afternoon from 2 to 5—

Ladies and Gentlemen 2 to 5

From 7 30 to 10 P M

Admission to skates, mornings and afternoons, admission ... use of skates 25c.

Select Sessions Saturday Evenings.

Every evenings 50c. Ladies free ... Season Tickets for sale at the ...

STEPHENS & EPPERLY Props.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Special Meeting Yesterday—Resolutions Approving the Act on of Commander Merriman.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, President Macleay in the chair Mr. Macleay stated the object of the meeting, viz to take action, with reference to the conduct of Capt Merriman in shelling the Indian village He believed that Capt Merriman acted promptly correctly and justly

William Kapus offered the following resolutions

Whereas, The Board of Trade of Portland Oregon, has for many years observed with concern and regret the state of lawlessness and violence which has existed in the territory of Alaska and

Whereas, Said lawlessness has culminated in the recent seizure and threatened massacre of American citizens by the Indians of that region said,

Whereas The greater portion of the trade with Alaska is controlled by the merchants of Portland members of this Board who are fully interested in the preservation of peace and good order in that territory, and,

Whereas, The Board has heard with much satisfaction of the action of Commander Merriman in punishing the insubordinate Indians in rescuing the American citizens and in the preservation of American property above referred to therefore be it

Resolved, by the Board of Trade of Portland Oregon That we highly commend the course pursued by Commander Merriman in suppressing the above attempt at violence, and in chastising the refractory natives

Resolved That Commander Merriman took the only proper means to render life and property safe among the Indians of Alaska

Resolved That our thanks be due and we hereby tender the same to Commander Merriman for his prompt and vigorous action in the premises, whereby life and property have been preserved secure, and the majesty of the law vindicated, as far as is possible in the absence of any form of civil government the establishment of which has long been denied to our appeals

Resolved That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be properly certified to and sent to Commander Merriman and a similar copy to the honorable the secretaries of the navy and treasury

Mr Kapus moved their adoption

This was followed by considerable debate every member present expressing himself as heartily approving the resolution, and it passed with but one dissenting vote

The president and secretary were instructed to prepare, certify to and forward the above resolutions.

RELIEF FOR GERMAN SUFFERERS.—The matter of donations for the relief of sufferers by floods in Germany was b ought up and after numerous expressions of will ingness by members to contribute liberally Messrs C H Dodd D P Thompson and Wm Kapus were appointed a committee to collect subscriptions

THE EAST SIDE.

COMMITTED TO THE ASYLUM.—L B Stearns, judge of the county court accompanied by Drs Saylor and Wheeler made their appearance at the council chamber yesterday afternoon for the purpose of examining the demented individual arrested the day previous by the marshal On being brought before them he answered the questions propounded readily and with seeming rationality He gave his name as Jasper Shock ley aged 40 years was a native of Virginia had been married but had no children and did not know whether his wife was living or not had formerly lived in Lower California, had been a resident of Oregon eight years and lately worked on a farm in Jackson county had no property and no relatives here had recently been stopping at Chehalis W T and came down here a few days ago When questioned by Dr Saylor as to what he intended to do here he inquired if he wished him to make a statement and being answered in the affirmative, he said that he had been looking around around but did not know what he would do yet that he was the son of man and the holy spirit and that he represented the third coming of Christ and continued to that strain till all present were convinced of his insanity The necessary papers being made out he was taken to the asylum by the marshal, offering no objection what ever till arriving at that institution when he appeared to realize his situation saying there was no use to take him there as he was all right The marshal concluded with him and left him to his fate

EAST PORTLAND GAS COMPANY.—Mr E W Leonard representing the San Francisco company who projected the scheme of lighting East Portland with gas, arrived here yesterday for the purpose of effecting arrangements for carrying out the plans of the company He will accompanied by Mr Dimill an engineer who will have charge of the works here. Mr Dimill has works where a similar company has been established. The company have purchased two lots on the corner of Second and Pine streets for the location of their works, and the above gentlemen have been over them. Mr Howden the brick contractor visited the site during the day to consider the preliminaries of building. The capital stock of the company is placed at $50 000 of which $25 000 is subscribed by citizens of East Portland The organization is complete and the company have contracted with the project ors of East Portland to build the works lay two miles of pipe and erect seventy five posts the works to be completed and in operation by the first of April next From Mr Leonard it is learned that the machinery was shipped from San Francisco yesterday The prospectors claim the light produced from petroleum gas as manufactured by them to be twenty six candle power, which is nearly double that produced from coal gas as furnished in Portland which is said to be but fourteen candle power If these claims are borne out in East Portland, this city will have made a stride toward energizing the latent business and obscurity which is not likely to be so fixed except by the possibilities of electricity

CONGREGATION I SABBATH SCHOOL.—The following item taken from the annual reports of the various officers of the Congregational Sabbath school of East Portland will give a fair idea of the work and present standing of the school The total attendance during the year is 1 2 present membership 100, div ded into eight classes of various grades average attendance 81 books in library 150 periodicals distributed weekly 85 collection, $24 81, expenditures some missions $10 45 The officers for the school year just closed and are as follows Superintendent Charles F Plympton assistant superintendent and chorister George H Fox secretary and treasurer, Frank Plympton librarian George Stecolm

ALLEGED LARCENY.—N K West yesterday, lodged complaint in Justice Bullock s court against Eli Morril for the larceny of a bicycle and saddle. Mr Morril was arrested, and gave bonds for his appearance Monday next. The defendant claims that the stakes his property having lost it some time since, and that he took it because he identified it as belonging to him

DROWNED AND SHATTERED.—Dr Raffety was summoned last evening to the residence of Mr S Pierson near Gravelly Hill to attend his son aged about 12 years who while attempting to pick a cartridge had that unlucky exploded in his hand, shattering it very badly This is the second accident of this nature that has occurred in this vicinity within a few weeks

BREAKERS AHEAD.—Dr J M Patton is in receipt of a letter from Dr C E Lester dated at San Francisco, in which he states that he expects to return here about the 1st of February when he will be prepared to meet all demands against him and come into himself from the slanders which have been published concerning him So much it be

NOTES.—The Congregational Sunday school has a membership of 100

Camp No 2 P O S of A have engaged a hall in Ross & Story s new brick

Prof J D Hawes has succeeded Prof E Barke as principal of the No 2 school

Geo Beck has erected a handsome lamp on the west corner of his stable on I street He has now a lamp at either end of the stable a city lamp being located at the east corner

Jack Fitzsimmons fell by night after a four o'clock in about a during which he has visited Calaveras Grove, Mass Mus ic and Arkansas The trip appears to have agreed with him

RETURNING A COURTESY.—SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.—PORT TOWNSEND W T Jan 13—The United States revenue str Oliver Wolcott Capt Louis N Stoddert left this morning for Fort Simpson B C, to quell an Indian disturbance at the request of the authorities of British Columbia no British naval vessels being in the waters It will be recollected that the ship Onel went to Alaska on the occasion of the Indian trouble in 1868 and the present troubles in British Columbia furnishes an opportunity of returning the courtesy

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Signal service United States army Division of telegrams and reports for the benefit of commerce and agriculture. Report for the last 24 hours The following observations are taken at the same moment at all the stations named

PORTLAND Jan 13 7 P M

Place of Observation	Height of Barom	Change last 3 hours	Temp	Direc	Wind Velo city	Rain fall in inches	State of weath
Portland	30 22	—0	41	[illegible]	(3		Cl dy
Olympia	30 15	—08	47	SW	10		Cl dy
Roseburg	30 29	—03	52	E	10		Clear
Red Bluff	30 16	—04	51	S	00		Clear
Sacramento	30 13	—02	54	N	00		Clear

River 6 feet 5 inches above low water mark

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Ladies I shall have exhibited a months the above amount of silks, satins we vets and dolmans, and all I ask is to consider my way of I sell & compare my goods with others a d you will se ver so cisements of mine have full confidence in me for I have proved my reliability in having this doll a sa n 50 to 60 hands in a location is such a dis ance from regular thoroughfare Facts have to d and to future will I tell one as I must control 500 hands this year

H B LAU
Corner Third and Ash streets

Frank M Jackson 171 First st bet Morrison and Yamhill complete stock of Jewelry watches clocks spectacles and eye glasses sam Francisco prices

Inks and Muchiage it druggists can make in Oreg in No 2 J. Ellis & Co 4 Yamhill s

Skinny Men. Wells Health Renewer restores health and vigor cures dyspepsia impotence $1

AN INNOCENT ABROAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 9 1868.

The born and bred Oregonian who for the first time in his life launches out into the big world is a victim of impressions ' I was attacked with impressions before the ship got to Astoria—struck with the pleasant informality with which the servants of the ship came into my stateroom I occupied through special courtesy, a bridal chamber and every *attache* of the ship seemed bent upon seeing the bride I cared little and murmured not so long as the visitors were *men*, but when my privacy was invaded by the female branch of the ship's service, my native modesty was grievously outraged. First came the stewardess, then the second stewardess then the "slavey" Each buried herself for a moment, slyly looking about for the bride the while and went out There was an intermission and I attempted to dress, but in the early course of that extremely personal and private operation, my door was opened and in came the stewardess again Evidently she meant business, she wanted the bride Is there a lady in here?" she asked In a tone expressive of shocked and wounded feeling, I replied, Madam! This she didn t regard as definite and with a glare to which her spinster figure and matronly years added severity demanded ' Is there a woman in here! Modesty and manners forsook me and I replied Yes and it would please me greatly if she'd go out and stay out! She went and came no more Incident of this sort are fast rubbing the modesty out of me

But the ship got to sea I stand on the ship the ship heaved I heaved Reader you know how 'tis yourself But sea sickness did wholly overcome my attack of impressions ' I was impressed with the lying qualities of the captain the clear brave man He told every lady on the ship that in forty years experience, man an' boy, on the ocean and having been three million times around the world having been ship-wrecked fifty thousand times not even in the course of his long service 'as an officer in the navy had he seen so dread ful a tempest But he couldn't hold a candle to the stewardess That gentle female informed each of the ladies that with one exception she (the lady addressed) was the sickest person she had ever seen The stewardess didn't give the number of years which her experience covered but I judged about seventy five

Providentially there was a doctor on board He saved the life of every lady on the ship So did the captain heaven bless his brave gallant manly heart " We all landed feeling that the captain held a complete monopoly on nautical science, and that the doctor was the only doctor in the world

I have lost some romantic notions about reading I stocked up with choice marine literature the Toilers of the Sea Ode to the Ocean " etc expecting to read them in proper spirit and with special understanding on the rolling deep But I didn't If ever I read them it will be on the firm land A Life on the Ocean Wave is good in poetry and is not bad on the piano (particularly if the girl is pretty) but in reality it is—no polite expression is satisfactory The reader must fill the blank for himself I know of nothing which will bring the castes of mankind down to the same common low level so quickly as sea-sickness It can double discount poverty I already have numerous impressions of San Francisco but will reserve them for another letter Do not think to escape dear reader

THE ORE ON COLONY.—Here this winter is unusually large Mr Thos Richardson and family are at Sixth and Mission streets and will spend the winter here Mr Richardson will go east before returning to Portland Mr H W Monastes and family are at the same place Mr M will go home for a brief trip leaving on the 13th His family will remain here Mr D Monastes and wife are spending the winter in Oakland Mr S m Douglas and family are stopping at the Russ Mr Waller V Smith and wife are living at the Palace Mrs Wm Sidley is in town and will stay several weeks Mr Walkie Dunbar will spend the winter here, his health is not improved though he attends regularly to business Mr Jas McCraken and family and Mr Wallace are here to stay permanently J M Rice has been here several weeks but goes further south to day Mrs Chas Russell and family are here The daughters are in school Mrs H G Struve and daughter of Seattle and Mrs Nugent and child of Port Blakely are at 406 Fr ncisco will soon return Work will be commenced another important consideration which goes into the ore deposits Then again the present work on the Comstock is merely prospective and assessments naturally follow Taking this view of the situation as correct and such it is to say the least plausible enough the prospect of future excitement in the stock market is rather nebulous It is doubtless to an earnest consideration of the present state of affairs that the Pacific Stock and Exchange Board has for some time given signs of interest this fut ure though an actual existence more possible to be assumed at awhile The cause assign d by David R R a member of the board for the proposed sale of the building is the

GENERAL DEBILITY OF THE STOCK MARKET.—Coupled with unmistakable symptoms of cerebral apoplexy, with which the business is affected The board found itself in a curious predicament The following bunch the new Divisond building at present stands, was subsequently sold for $135 000 and in addition to this the board received an indemnity of $13 000 for the opening of Leideadorff street one end of which is popularly known as Pauper alley The exchange building itself sadly deteriorated in value but even then the price at which it is supposed it will be sold ($85 000) is wholly disproportionate The members of the board dispairing of any future bonanzas insisted on a sale as the only means of realizing ultimate benefit from their investment and this the matter stands at present While there is no dearth of ready capital for h me investment on good securities considerable money is also coming its way into undeveloped resources of other states The next approach of the completion of the southern railroad lines has undoubtedly increased our commercial relations with Mexico and opened a new field for speculation at last the same time legitimate speculation The great northwest—Oregon Washington Territory and even Alaska—have excited the cupidity of those with an eye to business and the result is that investments in those localities are rapidly growing in favor THE OREGONIAN has already noted the existence of

A SYNDICATE OF FRENCH CAPITALISTS who propose buying lands in Oregon Since month in of that fact was made, your correspondent has been credibly informed that the venture was something more than merely speculative in its nature. The original idea under lained the projectors of the scheme has been in a measure modified It was at first suggested that a tract of land could be purchased and cultivated until such time as the land could be disposed of at a greatly increased value the promoters in the meantime satisfying themselves with a reasonable interest on the amount invested The interest was to be realized on productions of the soil In this part ticular instance from the sale of fruits It cannot be however the plan was modified after that of the Italian colony in this city which has purchased a large tract of land in Alameda units to be cultivated on joint account each member of which receives profits proportional to his investment The scheme has worked admirably and exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of the projectors It is now proposed to establish a colony representing French capital in Oregon The measure of course has much to recommend it as it offers material inducements to persons of limited means, and if rightly conducted cannot fail to be remunerative In the event that subscriptions are in sufficient to carry the project into execution the venture will partake of a more individual character The matter has not yet assumed tangible proportions and much of the present idea is merely speculative and preliminary in other directions Investments and notably local affairs have for the nonce given way to

POLITICAL PROBLEMS.—Unlike other legislatures the gathering of the clans was not announced by the usual flourish of trumpets An unbecoming solemnity pervaded the every movement of the legislators elect Ancient stamping grounds were shockingly ignored and even the San Francisco delegation which was reasonably expected to form part and parcel of the Mace Slade and Once was represented at the glove fight by hardly a corporal s guard That the less weighty affairs of state should be given precedence over a fistic encounter was sufficient to excite caustic comment upon such unsatisfactory manlike conduct This wholesale onslaught upon the traditions of old is however susceptible of easy explanation, as the principals in the recent encounter have been indicted to give an exhibition at the Capital for the delectation of those self sacrificing public servants It might be well to remark parenthetically that we are fast incorporating in our modern civilization much of the athletic spirit which made the Greeks famous for their skill as the Olympian games With us, muscular Christianity is a rage. A number of other innocent amusements have been carefully selected by the disgruntled legislators, in their frantic endeavors to while away the tedium of grinding out laws Gen. Mooney, with a keen insight to the weaker natures, has arranged a series of chicken fights at which these unsophisticated politicians may be surely counted upon to attend. What a

MIGHTY DELECTABLE ATMOSPHERE.—For these guardians of the public weal In pleasing contrast to this spirit of *chevalrous* are the scenes enacted at that consecrated edifice, the Metropolitan temple, on the night of the glove fight. The organ which had pealed forth its accompaniment to the supplicating voices of a vast and influential congregation was rudely churned to jigs and break downs while the good old sexton of the church who lurked in the pugilists with reverential awe from behind an enclosure The scandalized elders of the church were at that very hour expressing their virtuous indignation at Kalloch's temerity in not opposing the leasing of the building, and the climax was capped by granting him a year's leave of absence with full salary attached There is scarcely anything of note in

THEATRICAL CIRCLES.—The unprofitable run of the 'Naiad Queen" has been cut short by "Michael Strogoff ' with the original scenery and a much improved ballet The attendance has increased and the management glories in a well filled house One of the chief attractions in connection with the piece is graceful Ariel, a young lady of apparently 22 who floats about the stage, over the orchestra, into the flies, and alighting at the starting point in a most mysterious manner Her movements are decidedly graceful and the perfect regularity of her motion leaves the spectators in a quandary as to the *modus operandi* Having taken her flight into the air her assistant holds out his hand, and with mathematical certainty the little fairy descends in full view of the audience and perches herself now on his hand then on his shoulders and again on his head The flights are made in circles, or from one side of the stage to the other concluding by a flight towards the audience and over the orchestra At the Grand Opera house, "Youth' still holds the boards and proves quite an attractive card The minstrels are in the hight of their season. The announcement is made that the Madison Square theater company will shortly open at the Baldwin where the latest New York successes will be played and then placed on the road, including Oregon and British Columbia.

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PORTLAND PULPITS.

Scandinavian M E Church—Third St. bet. E and C J Larson pastor Preaching 11 A M and 7:30 P M Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30

Unitarian Church—Corner of Yamhill and Seventh Charles Noyes acting pastor Services at 11 A M and 7:30 P M Morning subject The Progressive Nature of Religion Evening subject The Relation of Doctrine to Duty

Scandinavian Service—There will be service in the Baptist church in the Scandinavian language, Sunday the 19th of January, at 3 o clock P M, and prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock All are invited to come

First Baptist Church, cor Fourth and Alder Rev J A Gray pastor will preach at 11 A M. and 7½ P M Subject for morning—"Has Fear a Place in Religion? and for the evening, Popular Sins. Seats free Sunday school at 12:30.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church Portland B street between North Ninth and North Tenth streets next Sunday at 11 o clock A M and 7:30 P M Services will be held in the Swedish language F Carlson Pastor

Hall-street M E Church H K Hines D D pastor Preaching at 11 A M by Rev Clark Davis of St Johns Missouri Lecture at 7½ P M by Ex Gov A C Gibbs Subject— The Great Northwest and its Missionary Work All welcomed

First Christian church East Park and Columbia streets Services every Tuesday by Henry Shadle pastor Morning subject Christ's Mission evening Gaining the World and Losing the Soul " All are invited

Taylor-street M E Church Preaching morning and evening by the pastor Rev Geo W Izer 11 A M subject—Christian Stewardship 7:30 P M subject— Search the Scriptures Prayer meeting at 6 45 P M, in the lecture room The public is cordially invited to all the services

First Congregational church Service to-morrow at 11 A M and 7:30 P M Preaching by the pastor Rev Dr Frederic R Marriott Morning subject The Nature and Efficacy of Prayer Evening subject— The Real Home Sunday school at 12:30 P M Young People s meeting at 6:45 P M

The Church of Sea and Land corner Third and B street—Regular Sunday School at 9:30 for one hour. Bethel services on board the City of Carlysle at the corner of Washington street at 2 P M Preaching in Bethel Hall at 7:30 P M by the chaplain Prayer meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 P M

First Presbyterian Church—Corner of Washington and Third streets A L Lindley pastor Services Sunday morning and evening The morning subject assigned by the World s Evangelical Alliance

The Second Advent Evening subject a popular lecture Sabbath school at 12:30 Strangers and especially young men cordially welcomed Ushers provide seats

Episcopal Church Service—Trinity Oak and Ninth Sunday 11 A M and 7 P M St Stephen s chapel (Fourth and Fifth) Sunday 11 A M and 7:30 P M St Matthew s chapel (First and Caruthers) 11 A M and 3:30 P M Trinity mission chapel (Washington and Fifth) 3:30 P M St Timothy s chapel Grammar school Sunday 4 P M Good Samaritan hospital (Twenty-first and L) Thursday 3:30 P M

East Portland Pulpits.

St David s Episcopal Church—Rev J W Sellwood rector Services morning at 11 A M Evening at 7

Baptist Church corner of Seventh and G streets—services at 11 o'clock A M and 7:30 P M Seats free All are welcome G J BURCHETT, Pastor

United Brethren—J H Watson, pastor services held in Good Templars hall, on L street, near Fourth over Dr Coley s drug store No evening services

First Congregational Church—Holladay s addition to East Portland Regular Sabbath service at 11 A M and at 7 P M Sabbath school at 12:30 Amos W Power pastor

Presbyterian Church, Odd Fellows building, corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets—Sabbath services Preaching by pastor Rev D O Ghormley at 11 A M and 7 P M Sunday school at 12:30 Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:15 P M Strangers invited to all services

Service in the Scandinavian language—There will be service in the Scandinavian language in the Baptist church corner of Fourth and Alder streets, every Sunday, at 3 o clock P M All are welcome. C Ericson missionary

NEW BOOKS.

The following new books have been added to the Library during the past week

Some Women of To-day
Measure for Measure, by Mary Stanley
Miss Beck a novel, by Tilbury Holt
Karl Wayne s Nobility by Mrs George Sheldon
Ante biography by John Stuart Mill
The Early Days of Christianity by F W Farrar D D

A system of Logic Ratiocinative and Inductive, being a connected view of the principles of evidence and the methods of scientific investigation by John Stuart Mill Eighth edition

The Chess Player s Handbook A popular and accurate introduction to the game of chess, exemplified in games actually played by the greatest masters and illustrated by numerous diagrams of original and remarkable positions by Howard Staunton Esq

Chess Praxis A supplement to the Chess Player's Handbook containing all the most important modern improvements in the openings illustrated by actual games a revised code of chess laws and a collection of Mr Murphy s matches etc in England and France by Howard Staunton

A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography Abridged from the larger work by William Smith LL D

Hill s Manual of the Science and Practice of Book-keeping 13th edition A J Kitchell & Co

Mind Mrs. Grant.

Speaking of doing kind things a lady friend of mine who lives in Washington has only words of admiration for Mrs Gen Grant

She was always so simple and so genuine when she lived at the White House said my friend but she somehow always said the right thing in a way to make you feel that she was glad to see you She was always ready to go out of her way to do you a favor I remember one time when the husband of a lady of her acquaintance—a paymaster—got into serious financial trouble His money was gone He could not account for it He was courtmartialed Mrs Grant interposed to save him for while in the eye of the law he was guilty morally she believed him innocent Mrs Grant sat up till midnight to send a dispatch to the officer s wife to let her know that she had succeeded and that her husband was saved She was all the time doing such things *N Y Graphic*

Wild Goats as a Result of the War.

As showing the instinct of the goat which is not generally credited with mean intelligence visitors to Harpers Ferry Va are informed that when the war broke out and the sound of the cannonading was heard in the valley large numbers of tame animals of this description took refuge on the Maryland Heights, and have never returned Even now they can be seen on the top of the mountain. Their young have been reared on the summit, and have never become domesticated Occasionally hunters kill the wild goats, as they are called and the tame ones from the valley frequently go up to visit them but they persistently refuse to descend and the sense of danger experienced by the goats of 1861 and 1862 seems to have been transmitted to their posterity —*New York News*

She Wanted Some Fun, Too.

The Lowell Mass. Citizen says a ten year old lad called at our office day before yesterday accompanied by his mother, and told a long hard luck story how the mumps since he had it, while teasing and bullying his little brother with rheumatic w Aunt Mary who is keeping house was sent over to subscribe for your paper which she says is full of joy and wisdom She wants some fun too After much g ding the whole little we decided to send a copy of the paper to our y ungish visitor and then round wrote on the margin "To Aunt Mary Read the Citizen regularly and may St. Jacobs Oil cure her rheumatism" The little fellow s face lighted up with a broad grin and the last we saw of him he was running as if flying with my A baby is all beauty, and Aunt Mary is happy She says St Jacobs Oil and St. Jacobs Oil are the best of home comforts.

CHINESE ART AMONG THE DUTCH.

Although Holland abounds with the most delightful specimens of domestic architecture of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, they seldom care to revive it when they build a new house There seems to be but one approved style now, and that the very worst style of French villa with its dull, dark Mansard roof. There is also an almost universal run on a certain garden statue in plaster, the most ill-modeled child, with a short tunic, holding a basket of chalk fruit on its stupefying, fetish head No garden is complete without that, and if the means of the owner permit, a large globe or shining quicksilver glass, in which is reflected the most awful contortions of every surrounding object. Those who are tired of hearing of "high art" and "aestheticism," of harmonies and symphonies of color, of dadoes and old brics-a-brac, should come here to rest their troubled brain If one could only stay a few months with the owners of one of these villas! The people are by no means reticent in displaying their objects *de luxe*—mostly wax flowers or French vases, Gilt edged books bound in good old fashioned positive colors a "magnens" that that now and then seemed to have been distilled from long pent up and suffering tears of water, these massed in brass-bound book slides, and crowded by a mass or two in plaster of Paris, are on a veneered table but near the parted curtains of every one of those new abodes Wandering along one of the canals, we stopped to admire a crow stepped gabled house of time toned velvety brick We read on a tablet high up the name of Pk Wouvermans. Yes, that must have been his studio now—that large one. A pleasant house, and a substantial well-to-do air about it A pleasant spot, too, by the tree-shaded canal Wonder if it is still a studio? It looks like it It almost tempts one to ring the bell and ask if Herr Wouvermans is at home

There are still in Haarlem a goodly number of old houses of the seventeenth century. Some of their gables lean restive forward toward the street or sideways toward their next door neighbor in a way suggestive of fundamental debility At first sight it seems safer to walk on the middle of the road, and look out for falling bricks But one soon gets over the fortery character, in fact, some one told us that they were built originally at that angle forward When they lean sideways they admit the mouldering pile beneath and even to the shrinkage The fine old city walls and ramparts that withstood the Spanish siege have been pulled down all but one old gateway, a splendid specimen of its kind, picturesque to the last degree That is all there is left to illustrate one of the greatest chapters in the history of Haarlem The boulevard and the tram car have risen over the dust of all the rest. I should like to say something more worthy of this memorable siege, there is such a splendid opportunity, but on second thought perhaps it is as well to refer the reader to Motley, and not seek to supercede that admirable history

PLAIN ENGLISH.

The Universe

The most successful and popular writers and speakers of to-day are those who express themselves in the fewest and simplest words. There was a time when one was considered a brilliant writer or speaker if he used lengthy and high-sounding words The languages of language were then considered, now it is the idea and sentiment which claims the admiration, and the most comprehensive manner of expressing one s sentiment is the most approved method. Nor is it a simple and easy matter to express oneself simply and correctly It is as much of an art to acquire brevity in language as it is to extend it by high flown terms The rapidity of the age has those tendencies toward the simplifying of language We have just said because that life is short—much shorter than it need to be, for the number of our days is decreased in consequence of our headlong race through life in competition with each other, and thus it becomes necessary to abbreviate in all things in like proportion, and especially in language. Thus the habit of abbreviation has gradually grown upon us, but we still find those who retain devotees to the old style of "going around Robinson's barn," according to the old saying, to express a simple idea—a thought which perhaps may be of little consequence, if any, and yet a simple thought may convey a world of meaning when forcibly presented, but it never can be clearly expressed when the quantity and the nature of the language tends to complicate it, and attracts the mind more to the terms than to the subject In the greater number of books of recent issue the language is so involved the matter is not strung out to such unnecessary length as formerly, as may be seen by comparing them with works of only a few years ago If such were the case there would necessarily be fewer books read and still it is an undisputed fact that the general literature of the day is far more brilliant on the whole, than that of a decade past This is progress, educationally, and to the simplification of the language this improved state of society is chiefly due While therefore the modest and simple Anglo-Saxon is to be favored in all written and spoken language there is a limit to abbreviation and condensation, there is no necessity for making oneself incoherent in an endeavor to speak briefly and to the point, one extreme, in this matter is as much to be avoided as the other, and should be carefully guarded against. For this reason, then, simplicity of language is an art, and it requires study practice and a keen discernment to estimate, to a nicety, as to what may constitute the happy medium—it is not taught, but is the result of observation and judgment. Amateur writers and reporters generally endeavor to see how grandiloquent they can make their writings and the writings of this class are often amusing to sensible people.

The Church Mechanical: The Church Spiritual.

There are two great churches—the church mechanical and the church spiritual. The one is materialized, has forms, order, regulations like a kingdom, the other is living lambent, invisible of no shape, with no creed but holiness with no ordinances with the real, personal ministry of the Holy Spirit always present and the light, life and the power of God The church mechanical has no right of existence except as a servant of the church spiritual but it has usurped the authority of its superior It demands obedience of all men, it prescribes their beliefs, it organizes their worship it determines their merit, it stands at the end of the way with the radiant key of heaven and the flaming key of hell, making the whole world crouch at its golden promises or lurid threatenings. To this earthly and mechanical conception of the church belong all mediæval creeds, which have turned the goodness of God into a dry barbarism which have left out of account the one chief element of power in religion—the power of a living soul on a living soul The only orthodoxy on earth is the creed of right living God and the human soul are the only forces that the world knows All others are derivative, subservient auxiliary *Henry Ward Beecher in North Ames can Review*

A Stone With a Mistery.

Ben Milan who resides in Mississippi near the Marshall county line and who is owner of the wonderful meteorstone of which we made mention some months ago dropped in to see us on Saturday last while on a business trip to our city Mr Milan informs us that since the stone has been in possession of his family 1220 ase have been treated in all not one of which failed to recover An average of fifteen patients test the curative powers of the stone annually which number is about three times as great since as before the war The history of this wonderful stone as we get it from Milan, is that in 1810 a Dr Barker of Alabama, brought the stone from China, where it was known as the snake stone being used by the Chinese to cure snake and spider bites and those of other poisonous insects Soon after Dr Barker returned to Al

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H. W. S.—SUNDAY'S REST

England's revolt as America is discussing the Sunday question with vigor and animation There is a strong sentiment among the laboring classes in favor of opening museums and art galleries on the first day of the week, and the plea is adduced that such action would lessen Sunday drunkenness Kindred opinions have at different times been held by prominent clergymen A minister in New York complained in a recent sermon that on Sundays the best places of amusement were always closed and the worst ones always open Birmingham, Manchester and other English towns have it is said, found that the plan of allowing art galleries to be opened on Sunday worked excellently and many Londoners demand that a similar policy be pursued in the metropolis The day of rest is a blessing to all classes, but especially to the poor A man of leisure derives comparatively little benefit from it, but to a laborer it is a priceless gift. The holiday Sunday goes hand in hand with the workday Sunday, and the workingman will find that of the two extremes, undue strictness is preferable to undue laxity. If irreligious workmen demand a day of unlimited amusement, irreligious employers will exact a day of unlimited labor This rigid Sabbatarianism of the old Banbury Puritan, who was said to have hung his cat on Monday for killing a mouse on Sunday, meets with little favor nowadays, but any attempt to change rational liberty into license is a terrible error from which, if successful, none will suffer more than the workingmen

H. W. S.—POPULATION OF CHINA

A correspondent of the London *Times* writing from Shanghai, says there is every reason to believe that China has fallen off enormously in wealth and population during the last fifty years The last complete census of the empire, taken in 1812, gave a total of 360,000,000. Since that time there has been an internecine civil war, which has caused the death of 30,000,000 of people while other wars have also made serious inroads, so that it is thought by many that the population cannot now exceed from 250,000,000 to 300,000,000

By law every province ought to make an annual return of population, but this seems to have fallen into desuetude. Only one province so far has resumed the practice, viz Chehkiang In 1812 this province stood for 26,257,000, and it is now reported as containing only 11,570,000 inhabitants Chehkiang is a very fertile province, and the center of the silk industry, so that the population might be expected to fill up by emigration more rapidly than in other places. If, therefore notwithstanding all these advantages, the population in this one province has decreased by 15 000 000, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the falling off over the whole eighteen or ten which are known to have suffered, is at least 100 000 000 and that the present population of China does not exceed over 250 000 000 The returns of land tax payable are further confirmatory of this conclusion In 1812 the land tax payable in Chehkiang was 5,850 000 taels, now it stands at only 2,120 000 taels It is said that ever since the Taeping rebellion the financial prosperity of the country has steadily declined Though the officers of the government have striven in every way to raise revenue, the receipts of the public exchequer are more insignificant than ever and the people are in a state of poverty that has no precedent in the history of the empire Under these circumstaces we cannot wonder at Chinese emigration

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

There is more than ordinary disposition on the part of the press to discuss and prophecy as to who may be the next republican candidate for the presidency, and the discussion brings to the front a half dozen of names, as follows General Sherman Senators Logan Edmunds and Harrison, Secretary Lincoln, and ex Secretary Windom The names of Senator Sherman and Mr Blaine are not especially mentioned, it being understood that they, as men once stricken by the incurable fever are always candidates

But there is one thing which, from year to year, seems constantly to escape these presidential prophesiers, to wit the history of their country With the exception of General Grant —whose military achievements lifted him out of the ordinary category—no man since the republican party became a living entity, who was prominent in the presidential scramble has been nominated by it Prominence has, of itself, proved fatal to success Previous to the Chicago convention of 1860 the drift was all towards Mr Seward Among other possibilities Simon Cameron, Salmon P Chase and Edward Bates were freely talked of It is doubtful if Mr Lincoln's name was ever heard of in that connection a month before the convention met 1st Mr Seward's prominence dragged him down, and Mr Lincoln was nominated not because he was the choice of the party, but because he was the most available man with whom to beat Seward There is a little woman down at our house, said Mr Lincoln, when the news came to him who would like to hear this—I'll go down and tell her

In 1876 Mr Blaine by one of the most brilliant and powerful personal efforts for the presidency ever made in this country held as was generally supposed the winning cards There can be no doubt that a decided majority of the delegates in the Cincinnati convention were in favor of his nomination, and though the highest vote received by him at any one time was 351 (28 short of a choice), yet if all the delegates who voted for him on different ballots had done so on the same ballot he would have had considerably more than enough Among all the candidates the least thought of was Gov Hayes of Ohio He was in the race at all simply because his own state had agreed to present him—a favorite sonny movement much jeered at We presume it to be a fair statement that at least three fourths of the Ohio delegation were not for him and considered the Hayes movement only in the light of an empty compliment and as a means of holding the delegation together until it could be placed where it would do the most good Just on the seventh ballot Mr Hayes 61 votes had swelled to 384 and he was nominated not because anyone wanted him but because he was the only man they could unite upon in the effort to defeat Blaine

The Chicago convention of 1880 is so fresh in mind that few details need be given Up to the thirty fifth ballot Mr Garfield had received but two votes On the thirty sixth he had 399 It was not manifest that anyone especially desired his nomination, but this desired to defeat Grant, and Garfield was the only man they could unite on for that purpose

It will be thus observed that if precedents are worth anything, prominence in the scramble for the republican nomination is not especially desirable It is possibly a keen knowledge of this which keeps Mr Sherman so persistently quiet, and leads Mr Blaine to announce that he is not a candidate Even in 1876 Mr Blaine was no unaware of this peculiarity of American politics and, when asked which of the other candidates he most feared, replied "The Great Unknown" And The Great Unknown is very likely to carry the next republican convention as he has so many before It is of course possible that his name is to be found on the list given at the outset but prominence in the connection, at this early period, is about the worst thing that could happen to them. They and their friends would be much better employed, so far as their own interests go, in letting the nomination alone, and in helping to make things possible for a republican election.

FAIR TREATMENT

The Chicago *Tribune* thinks the Northern Pacific was not treated too generously, and says The Northern Pacific railroad had nothing but its land grant from the government and most of the land when granted was supposed to be worthless, as much of it has since proved to be. The Central and Union Pacific not only had enormous grants of land, but they also had a cash subsidy of $45,000,000—a sum sufficient to build the roads without the sale of an acre of land or the expenditure of a cent of private capital. The Northern Pacific, by comparison was not too generously treated It should be remembered, too that the latter road has opened up to settlement a new and fertile portion of the public domain, and has already made immense additions to the national wealth The feeling is very general in this section of the country at east that no substantial injustice will be done if the Northern Pacific shall be permitted to go on and complete its road under the terms of the original contract

"Necessaries" is a term of indefinite meaning—but figures very largely in the law regulating the martial relations It may be necessary" for a wife to have a sealskin sacque, and under certain circumstances it may not be proper to go beyond a calico gown A curious case has just been decided in Massachusetts A husband whipped his wife who employed a lawyer to prosecute him Then he took proceedings against her on the charge of common drunkenness, and she engaged the same counsel to defend her This lawyer sued the husband for the value of his services, relying upon the rule of law that a husband is liable for "necessaries" supplied to his wife The supreme court accepted this view so far as pay for her defense was concerned but ruled that the charge for prosecuting the husband could not be allowed

The *Wood River Times* says that exactly midnight when the old year went out and the new year came in the slopes along the Wood river towns were alive with miners bent on securing to themselves a few new mining claims Over 200 good locations in that vicinity made last year were not represented They had been watched throughout the fall by nearly as many men who in case the locators did not appear in time were prepared to relocate or jump them for themselves Many had gone onto the claims they intended to jump the week before with tents, blankets tools and grub, so as to be the first claimants Over 300 men had left the towns on the river to make locations and most of them returned on the afternoon of the first

An agent of King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands is in London to buy a crown to be used at the coronation of the royal highness in January. This is a good market, as England is supposed to have several second hand ones in her stock the original proprietors having no further use for them There is a great difference in tastes as to the style of crowns An African traveler reports that he was received by a native sovereign in full regal splendor for his crown an empty tin can, on which was still visible the original label, concentrated gravy" This would probably not suit Kalakaua, but it answers every purpose in the interior of the Dark Continent

Miss Kate Field, who is a noted woman in many ways got up a co operative dress association in New York, the object of which was not so much to introduce reform in dress as to furnish ladies with dress goods at cheaper rates and to protect them from supposed extortioners in the dry goods trade This association became Miss Field's hobby and she strove hard to make it successful, but it has failed Here is another proof that amateurs in any business have not much show of success when they undertake to compete in any line of trade or business with those who know what they are about

A Cincinnati judge has decided that parties uttering messages over telephone wires must not use the word damn " "The telephone" says the judge "reaches into all classes of society—not only into business circles but into many family circles It must be remembered that it is possible from the peculiar arrangement of the instrument to have a communication that is intended for one individual reach another All communications therefore, should be in proper language" A very proper decision Paste it on the wall over your telephone

Wiggins has been interviewed again by a correspondent of the New York *Herald* in regard to his great zephyr and he it says that it will come on time He says that he has forecasted several other great storms which have never failed to materialize when due In January he anticipates a storm which will be much above the average" Upon the 9th of February a great storm will strike the Atlantic But those will be mere bagatelles in comparison with the storm which is coming in March Wiggins proposes to make it a test case of veracity between him and the chief signal office at Washington

Gen John B Gordon of Georgia formerly United States senator comes home from Europe proud of his country He said to a reporter

It is enough to make an American proud to ride through the streets of London with its civilization of two thousand years and see American implements American sewing machines American tools and American goods displayed on every hand and I know that American watches are being sold in the streets and American field arms for the English people and American factories beginning to fill them

Dr Holmes in the *Atlantic* I look across the Atlantic and see Mr Gladstone only four months younger than myself standing erect with Parnell's grievances on one shoulder and Pharaoh's pyramids on the other an atlas with 40 intervals of repose and paroxysms of learned labor

For the benefit of the curious the following information is given The entire business of the St Paul post office during 1882 was $1 68 : 896 The Portland office did a business of $4 7 5 425 or $110,000 more than that of St Paul St Paul has 75 000 inhabitants and Portland 50 000

Liquid Damnation to Frozen Sticks.

A St Louis genius makes ice cut of pure whisky and finds plenty of customers for all he can turn out Frozen whisky tastes like the best imported champagne — *Detroit Free Press*

SOME NEW BOOKS.

"The George Eliot Birthday Book" and the "George Eliot Calendar for 1883," published by Hall & Whitney, of Boston, are now ready, and to be admired and appreciated need but to be seen They are by a lady of Boston, whose rare literary acquisition and rich culture bespeak for her high commendation. The birthday book in its exquisite binding of drab and blue with lettering and designs in gold, contains a portrait of George Eliot, and illustrations by J Appleton Brown On the left hand pages are the quotations and on the right are the name and date of birth of some eminent women, among them Charlotte Bronte Lady Jane Gray, and the beautiful Heloise And the author has shown a rare and delicate insight into character and condition by fitting, so to speak, the quotation to the woman "The Calendar" is superb and artistic in design, being quite independent of "The Birthday Book," and containing a quotation for every day in the year

Messrs D Appleton & Co have just published the second volume of their exquisite Parchment Library Edition of Shakespeare—an edition which it is a pleasure to read the paper is so white, the ink so black, and the type so clean and sharp But there is a deeper pleasure in it than this which is chiefly mechanical, the pleasure of reading what Shakespeare wrote (if Judge Holmes and Mr Morgan will allow us to think that Shakespeare wrote anything) without being distracted by what the commentators have scribbled upon it. Historical Introductions Sources of Plot, and so on *ad infinitum*. That these have their value we are prepared to admit but not in such an edition as this, which gives us the text of Shakespeare as his contemporaries had it either in the quarters or the first and second folios and which we ought to understand quite as well as they did divining the meaning of corrupted passages and feeling the greatness of the whole We have four plays of the young Shakespeare here The Comedy of Errors Much Ado About Nothing Love's Labor Lost and A Midsummer Night's Dream, any page of which, the poorest, is worth all the dramatic writings of the Laureate or indeed, of any living English poet Write down, that they hope they serve God and write God first, for God defend but God should go before such villians! Masters, it is proved already that you are little better than false villains and it will go near to be thought so shortly

John Reed has published through Little Brown & Co, of Boston, a book entitled "American Law Studies or Self Preparation for Practice in the United States" It commences with suggestions in aiding the young man to decide whether he is fitted for the legal professions, takes him through a course of study with and without the aid of the law school, giving directions as to the best mode of acquiring a knowledge of the law, and applying it practically giving a list of books and a synopsis of the works that should be read and studied and a method of getting a good knowledge of reported cases up to the time of his admission to the bar and through his early practices It is divided into five books Book I is rather preliminary, and discusses the different methods of pursuing legal studies Book II gives a working knowledge of general laws junior and senior course in contracts and in torts and also in criminal law civil procedure and kindred subjects management of law suits and advocacy forms of stationery construction, works on domestic relations and batiments, real and personal property and equity and guides to reports and statutes Book III federal and state laws, and directions as to best methods of gaining familiarity with forms of every class Book IV treats of subjects which in the main concern the young lawyer after admission and are accessory to the strictly legal course such as necessary non legal knowledge law periodicals, libraries etc Book V treats of the Roman law and jurisprudence giving a long, list of books and authors

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr Stedman's essay on Emerson as a poet will appear in an early number of *The Century*

The February *Century* (the Midwinter number) will contain a frontispiece portrait of Mr George William Curtis which is said to be one of the most successful engravings that Mr Cole has yet made The accompanying article will be from the pen of Mr S S Conant, of Hamilton, Mass.

Mayne Reid the well known writer of boys books is quietly living on his farm in Herefordshire His farm is his hobby and yields him a handsome living His chief product is wool and from that material grown upon the backs of his own sheep he recently ordered to be made cloth for a suit of clothes which he has presented to General Gordon of confederate army fame

No man says an English writer, ever enjoyed life more than Anthony Trollope. He was full of common sense yet judiciously obstinate and perverse, roaring and spluttering, and wholly incapable of argument, Once he said a party of friends were in convulsions Handy Some subject of importance was being considered and some one made a suggestion Trollope engaged in conversation at the other end of the room at once raised his head and his voice I differ from you entirely," he roared like a bull at a red rag I differ from you on that!" What was it you said?

THE HOTEL DES INVALIDES.

The Hotel des Invalides in Paris was established in 1670 by Louis Fourteenth as an asylum for invalid soldiers and it has since been used for that purpose Around it cluster glorious memories of the great military achievements of the past, and under its dome in a magnificent tomb rest the remains of the great Napoleon A year ago fourteen of the survivors of Napoleon's campaign were among the inmates of the hospital Originally designed to accommodate 6000 invalids it now contains but 400 the remainder of the vast building being occupied as a military museum galleries for plans in relief commission officers while eighty of the rooms are used as quarters for staff officers which is claimed to be an abuse of privilege and the cause of much dissatisfaction

As a symptom of the growing disposition of the French republican government to gradually destroy many of the great institutions which have grown up under former dynasties an effort was made in the French chamber of deputies to abolish the Hotel des Invalides as an asylum for invalid soldiers and substitute therefor to those entitled to its privileges a pension of 1000 or 1200 francs The debate on the question which we find in a recent French paper shows that a feeling in favor of the discontinuance of the asylum has been steadily increasing for some years and when the question came up a few days ago there were 342 votes in favor of its abolition to 123 against it Unless a revolution or some foreign war should occur to turn the attention of the people to military affairs the asylum which one of the deputies in the debate called a "dust heap" is probably doomed

The Better the Levees the Worse the Floods.

Right in spite of reports to the contrary, the mud in the waters of the Lower valley of the Mississippi at Cairo was 1 475 000 cubic feet per second while the discharge at or below New Orleans was only 1 100 000 cubic feet per second Another series the mud was 3 4 000 cubic feet per second later than the first one Thirty one months applied into 147 days an average high water period as stated by Gen Humphreys would show four trillion and seven hundred billion cubic feet more inflow at Cairo than outflow at New Orleans and constitute a volume of water averaging 9 feet in depth and 4 miles wide extending from Cairo to the gulf This vast sea would be created by a water shed above Cairo of 313 436 square miles having an average rainfall of 21 5 8 inches to the square mile To be added to this is the rain fall of the southern water shed of 348 110 square miles of an average depth of 39 inches to the square mile This constitutes a volume of three trillion cubic feet more or a body of water 12 feet deep by 475 miles wide extending from Cairo to the gulf Such was the area and depth of the overflow of 1858 which Gen Humphreys states lasted 199 days and as state by him was the year the levees were perfected from Cape Girardeau to New Orleans To discharge this volume of water through the single channel passing New Orleans with no present velocity would require 60 days if there were not a single drop of water flowing into the river between Cairo and the mouth of Red river the lowest tributary Often more absurdly advocates of levees and jetties would force all this vast mass of pent up waters through the south or jetty "pass," which does not discharge 100, 000 cubic feet per second, or one-tenth the volume of water that they tell us flows in front of the Crescent city In 1858 when, as Gen Humphreys says, the levees were perfected from Cape Girardeau to New Orleans, the overflow was more disastrous than ever before. In other words the better the levees the worse the floods and incidental disasters The river became 47 ½ miles wide and 12 feet from Cairo to the Balize The submergence lasted 199 days—the longest on record Noah's flood wasn't a circumstance. This year as Captain Leathers states, "the river went it blind, climbing over the tops of the levees" — *The American Register*

AN OLD NEW MEXICAN CHURCH.

The Zuni Indians—Cortez' Priests Introducing the Olive the Pear, and the Grape.

An interesting paragraph is going the rounds of the press of Mexico, in regard to untold wealth concealed beneath the ruins of the ancient palace of King Tenamaxcalcatl As the story goes, this ancient monarch, hearing of the approach of Cortez hid his valuables in a subterranean passage leading to the palace Workmen digging in that vicinity have recently unearthed a tunnel and have already brought to light some nuggets in use at that period The more sanguine think the treasure itself will be shortly reached, and are digging for it with the energy of treasure-seekers At last accounts the untold wealth has not been reached

The foregoing clipping suggests to my mind says Phillip Reade of the United States army the old church in New Mexico near Koslowsky's ranch called the Pecos church from the stream of the same name close by

Over forty years ago Lieuts Abert and Peck, of the United States army, were sent by the chief of engineers of the United States army to make explorations in New Mexico Their report included a pictorial sketch and a very elaborate description of the Pecos church

I first saw the ruins of the building in 1873 It was then in a ruined condition because unroofed but the site of the original edifice was plainly visible Many interesting traditions and some facts were told me regarding the structure by old Koslowsky and others It is believed that the Zuni Indians lived generations ago on the lowlands of New Mexico, and not, as now in mountainous regions The Zunis built the Pecos church under the supervision of the Jesuits When detached parties of adventurous soldiers of fortune followers or descendants of Cortez journeyed northward from old Mexico they were accompanied by priests Wherever it was possible missions were established and the holy fathers began their work of conversion These missions marked the route of the expeditionary forces, and to this day many of the adobe buildings are in a good state of preservation The Pecos church is one The priests introduced olive and pear trees and particularly grape vines To the fruit from the latter was thus given the name of the Mission grape Every church had its patron saint, thus near Fort Union New Mexico is the church of St Guadalupe near Fort Bayard, New Mexico the Mission of Santa Rita, near Fort Lowell, Arizona the Cathedral of St Xavier etc Southern California is filled with these missions and gigantic olive trees six feet in circumstance and grape vines a foot in diameter still bear fruit in San Diego, Cal close beside the beautiful palm trees also planted long before our day by the holy fathers of their native proselytes

The once famous Santa Rita copper mines were worked by those zealous Catholics The productiveness of the mines of precious metals more than a century ago is attested to by the parchment records still preserved at Madrid at the City of Mexico at Santa Fe and many other places of lesser note At one time the county clerk at Silver City New Mexico had in his possession the parchment records showing the shipment from the church of the Kneeling Nun per pack mule train, to the City of Mexico of a large amount of precious metal and pure copper the yield of New Mexican mines contributed by missions for the good of the church

The records and missions mark an era in the history of this country and afford abundant study for the archæologist The oldest settlement in the United States is not St Augustine nor are the oldest buildings of recorded history located in Florida

The Pecos church was built by the Indians belonging, to that mission and they builded better than they knew The adobe bricks have been exposed these forty years to sun and all weather The erosive action of the rain as manifest in the gutters of its walls but a portion of the walls still stand In 1873 a part of one side was sixty five by thirty feet was standing and the solid wooden sills were larger than could be found from trees now growing in New Mexico soil How such pieces of lumber were transported to the place where used and indeed where they came from, are matters for conjecture only The sills were all quaintly ornamented appearing as if red hot axe shaped stones had been used to burn irregular curves upon their surface The adobe bricks were each 40x24x12 inches and harder than most kiln burned bricks

Koslowsky told me that within his remembrance the mission bell had been stolen but it is more than probable that he was the depredator as, by his own confession he had spent much time in undermining the church searching for treasure In fact, his only son was killed by lightning while digging for vessels of gold and silver fabled to have been buried beneath the altar by the priests at a time when the Navajoe Indians raided the pueblo

Near by the church are the remains of a pueblo or village of Indians believed to have been Zunis and a circle of stones is pointed out as the location of their sacred fire, once kept constantly burning awaiting the coming of Montez ma when he should have worn out the golden slippers donned by him when he ascending to their traditions departed from their distant centuries ago These Zunis were not a warlike people, and suffered greatly from the incursions of the fierce Navajoes The raids became so incessant that they finally abandoned the Pecos pueblo and migrated about three hundred miles westward near to what is now Fort Wingate The instinct of self preservation caused them like the Moquis or cave dwellers to change also their mode of habitation Just how this came about I endeavored to tell you in my communication written last May

The demolition of the Pecos church is due more to the stupidity and vandalism of such as Koslowsky than to the natural ravages of time The present preserved condition of the ruins is due to the superstition of such men The death by lightning within the church walls of Koslowsky was followed by the death of a repairman on the United States military telegraph line while engaged in repairing the line immediately in front of Koslowsky's ranch The superstitions and fears of the old man were so excited by the occurrences that thereafter he shunned the church as the devil is said to shun holy water It is still believed however that near to where the chancel was are hidden notable treasures buried by the descendants of the Aztecs or their contemporaries

Effect of Alcohol on the Brain.

Right by far the greatest anatomist of the age was it was that he could distinguish in the darkest room by one stroke of the scalpel the brain of the inebriate from that of a person who lived soberly Now and then he was in possession of a drunkard's brain admirably suited from its hardness and more complete preservation for the purpose of demonstration When the anatomist wishes to preserve a human brain for any length of time, he effects that object by keeping that organ in a vessel of alcohol From a soft pulpy substance it then becomes comparatively hard, but in the meantime anticipating the anatomist the brain begins the indurating process—begins it while the brain remains the consecrated temple of the soul while its delicate and gossamer like tissues still throb with the pulse of heaven born life Strange infatuation that thus desecrates the god like Terrible enchantment that dries up all the fountain of generous feelings, petrifies all the tender humanities and sweet charities of life leaving only a brain of lead and a heart of stone

Mrs Garfield is entertaining a few friends of the late president at her home in Cleveland A correspondent writes from that city to the Louisville *Courier Journal* Mrs Garfield looks much better than she did early in the summer There is a better color in her face and she is more flesh She looks older and is more careworn and numerous wrinkles have appeared in the face since I last saw her Her dress is wonderfully plain as is that also of her husband's mother

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

Life is but short, therefore, crosses cannot be long —*Flavel*

The way to get out of self love is to love Christ.—*Augustine*

Thanksgiving, in substance should be often written thanksgiving —*Matthew Henry*

A true reform is a reform of the heart and in that and that only, there is safety —*The Criterion*

The soul of John must have been pervaded by eternal childlike Christmas joys!—*Schleiermacher*

We implore the mercy of God, not that He may leave us in our sins but that he may save us from them —*Pascal*

There is nothing greater than the name of Christ, but nothing more to be feared than to bear it unworthily —*Quesnel*

Can we be unsafe where God has placed us and where He watches over us as a parent a child whom he loves? *Fenelon*

When the day comes that Christians are Christians, then will the great mass of mankind be convinced of the truth of Christianity —*Spurgeon*

As the sea bird sleeps calmly on the bosom of the ocean billow, so in all trying circumstances sweetly rests the soul that is stayed on God —*Rev. J. E. C Sawyer*

Not a single faithful word is ever uttered that does not repeat itself in echoes till it reaches the throne of God Not a noble deed is ever done, however obscurely that is not chronicled in heaven

Chrysostom said beautifully so beautiful that the words have been preserved like a fly in amber God has given a man two eyes if he lose one he has another But man hath only one soul, if he lose that the loss to him can never be made good again "

Faith without repentance is not faith but presumption, like a ship all sail and no ballast, that upsets over with every blast And repentance without faith is not repentance, but despair like a ship all ballast and no sail, which sinketh of her own weight—*Sanderson*

Conscience is your magnetic needle Reason is your chart But I would rather have a crew willing to follow the indications of the needle, and giving themselves no great trouble as to the chart than a crew that had ever so great a chart and no needle at all —*Joseph Cook*

Know dearest brother says St Francis of Assisi that courtesy is one of God's own properties Who sendeth his rain upon the just and upon the unjust out of his great courtesy is the sister of charity who banishes hatred and cherishes love.—*Fioretti*

Annihilate not the mercies of God by the oblivion of ingratitude, for oblivion is a kind of annihilation, and for things to be as though they had not been, is like unto never being Make not thy head a grave, but a repository of God's mercies —*Sir Thomas Browne*

We hold reunions not for the dead, for there is nothing in all the earth that you and I can do for the dead. They are past our help, and past our praise We can add to them no glory we can give to them no immortality They do not need us, but forever and for evermore we need them —*Garfield*

There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it. No it is not conformity that we want, it is not being able to beat the world in its own way, but it is to stand apart and above it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life —this only can give us a true Christian power —*Bushnell*

Christ is risen and is a living presence in the household of his disciples, more a presence in his visible church to-day than he ever was in the synagogues of Palestine or even the upper chamber of Jerusalem, and that the resurrection the uprising of the spirit when he has made it to live in him, endowed with a new being and already, here and now in fellowship with the father and his son Jesus Christ entering into life eternal — *Lyman Abbott*

The crusaders have passed into history and serve now to fill only a few of its pages The scarlet cross on the mantle has perished with the wearer, but the cross in the heart abides still in the souls of the justified And now abideth faith hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity The blossoms and fruit from those branches cannot be mistaken Wherever wherever they may be found whoever cultivates these Christian graces in the heart bears the sign of the cross for the Saviour said, By their fruits ye shall know them —*Rev T Taylor*

How few read Fenelon and Pascal now What a contrast all this presents to the spirit of the Christian life! The genius of the gospel is in harmony with the still moments of the spiritual communion and elevated taste and heavenly affection It says not in the fever sickness of excitement not in the tumult of passion, not in the noise of faction, not in the conflicts of ambition not in proud pre-eminence and brilliant assemblage is your true life

Enoch walked with God " "Go forth into the wilderness, and I will there talk with you" "Every man went to his home, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives "

Without action we grow stagnant or retrograde in things pertaining to morals as in moral acquirements It is easy to say we can worship God by reading a good sermon at home The cares of the household often crowd out the book we mean to read. The spirit of worship promoted by the sanctuary the "psalms" the house of God gives, the taking of the mind from every day duties and surroundings, the inspiration to better living the influence upon others in keeping the day sacred, all make regular church going a necessity to those who would keep their Christian hope and life in a condition that shall be a joy to themselves and an imp ration to others —*Congregationalist*

Moral decay in the family is the invariable prelude to public corruption It is a false distinction which we make between public integrity and private honor The man whom you cannot admit into your family whose morals are corrupt, can not be a pure statesman Whoever studies history will be profoundly convinced that a nation stands or falls with the sanctity of its domestic ties Rome mixed with Greece and learned her morals The Goth was at her gates, but she fell not until she was corrupted and tainted at the heart The domestic corruption preceded the political When there was no longer purity on the hearth stones, nor integrity in her senate, then, and not till then, her death knell was rung —*Robertson*

St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians When we were with you this we commanded you that if any would not work neither should he eat He himself refused to give and he authoritatively forbade others to give whereby giving would do more harm than good Wise charity must often wear this stern aspect but its gruumness is no more to be called into question on that account than the reality of the apostle's religion He refused to support out of church funds those who though able to eat their own bread preferred to live upon their neighbors His language is strong and his tone so very decided to treating of this matter because his religion was real and for went convention and not mere effusive sentiment. It was to him a sad sight to see men destitute but their idleness and lack of self respect was sadder still, and of the sharpness of want alone would rouse them to effort the pangs were salutary and true charity could not ward them off — *Monthly Register*

Cutting Jewish Women's Hair.

There is a remarkable mystery surrounding the origin of the custom of the Jewish women cutting off their hair and donning a wig on hair marriage Even in the present day the custom is still observed by the Ultra orthodox The effects of the custom were supposed to give a clue to its origin There was undoubtedly too much reason in the middle ages for Jewesses to be eager to make themselves as unattractive as possible That custom of cutting off the hair of the bride on the wedding day is not mentioned in the Talmud According to Mishnah Ketuboth xii it is contrary to Jewish custom for married women to appear in the street with head uncovered Out of modesty the custom was also observed in the house and in order to remove the possibility of yielding to temptation the hair serving no longer as an ornament, but being a superfluous weight on the head was entirely cut off According to Mishnah Nazir iv 5 the cutting off the hair is considered a disfigurement which the husband could refuse in case of his wife being a Nazarite Some few believe that the custom dates from the very earliest times, and they found their opinion upon the allusion thereto in Deuteronomy chapter xxi 12 Referring to the meals prescribed for taking a captive woman for a wife the text says Thou shalt bring her home to thine house and she shall shave her head —*Jewish Chronicle*

Man can live anywhere comfortable except in a church This proves that they can't live on religion any more than a minister can

THE BOILERMAKERS.

A Persevering Young Workman Tries Sunday Work.

Extract from Nasby's Letter in Toledo Blade.

The American notion of a Hollander is largely derived from dear old Washington Irving, the same as the world's idea of Richard III is taken from Shakespere. A Dutchman in our mind is a man with broad beam, his natural width being increased by a multiplicity of breeches, and his squat figure topped off with his enormous hat, and bottomed with large square shoes with buckles, and finished with a long pipe always He lingers in the American mind as a dull, plodding, persevering, phlegmatic man The persevering part is all that is correct of the Dutchman now, in this cities, at least. No matter what he was in the time when New York was occupied by them, you find him at home to be one of the handsomest men in the civilized world—keen, shrewd, exceedingly active, and as smart as the best business man anywhere He is dressed always with great neatness and precision. His women are even extravagant in their love of dress and ornament, and his cities, instead of being dull and sleepy are the most noisy and bustling places of their size in all Europe.

Persevering! A race may well claim that quality that can fence out the sea and keep it fenced out as the price of its existence. Every foot of land of almost the whole of the Kingdom has been wrested from the ocean, and it is even now as much as ever a constant struggle with the Atlantic for its possession. Let anyone of the vast dykes break, and the whole country, cities, farms and villages would again be under water, and the ocean winds would howl over what is now the richest agricultural country in the world To get some idea of what Holland is and what labor it has cost to make it what it is, imagine a country centuries ago near all of which was many feet below the level of the sea, and the sections above the level merely low lying islands, marshes and swamps and a vast area a part of the sea itself, the interior being lower than the line of the shallows of the coast. Imagine, then, the building of a wall on a coast where the tide rises sixteen feet, strong enough to resist not only the rush of the tide, but the added fury of the severe storms which prevail in the northern countries After this embankment was built, the water had to be removed, pumped out, that the land might be habitable As the elevation of the lowest levels of the land to the level of the sea is too great for the water in the interior to be raised at one operation a series of dykes had to be built, with a canal on the exterior of each, the water from the interior level pumped by means of wind-mills to the canal outside the first dyke from thence to the canal on the second, and so on for many miles, till it is finally discharged into the highest level, the ocean. Small canals or ditches are dug every sixty feet in which the water is drained from the land, collected, as it were to be pumped from one to the other of the main canals, which are sixty feet wide and six to eight feet deep.

And this work has been going on for centuries—this constant fight against the elements It justifies the old Dutch saying God made the sea, we made the shore "

The country must be protected by dykes against the rivers as well as the ocean, for the deposits brought down from their sources have raised their beds above the level of the country, and but for costly embankments, would inundate the country and convert it again into the swamp it was Holland is a country of dykes and ditches With so much land to the world unoccupied, it is a mystery why reclamation on such a vast scale was ever attempted, and why it is maintained at such enormous cost, but it was and is and the country is the richest and most prosperous in Europe

The dykes are constructed of earth stamped and compressed to make them as hard as possible and then planted with willows and trees, the roots of which make more solid the earth In places immense walls of solid masonry are found necessary to make them proof against the action of the fierce waves

The pumping is done at the expense of the government the service costing 6 000,000 florins a year

The extraordinary fertility of these "polders" as the reclaimed land is termed, is accounted for by the fact that when there is too much water in the soil it can be drained in a very short time and when there is a drouth the land may be irrigated without trouble or expense. The land is everywhere many feet lower than the canals

If the sea wall should break it would inundate the first level, if the volume of water should break through the second dyke it would rush on to a third, and so on till the whole country be inundated It is this ever-threatening, danger which calls for the care which is taken of the dykes, and the vigilant watch that is kept over them The safety of the whole kingdom depends upon their strength.

It is now proposed to reclaim the whole of the Zuyder Zee, which will give Holland a new province of 987 square miles, at an estimated cost of 120,000,000 florins, making the land cost nearly $175 an acre It is well worth it, however, as the crops grown on these lands are enormous, and from their contiguity to the great commercial cities of the world, everything grown in Holland brings a very high price. Besides this, owing to their facilities for irrigation, dry seasons do not affect them, and as they can pump all the water off they choose to, wet seasons are of no damage As the climate is very regular, good crops are the rule. In Holland art has triumphed over nature Give a Hollander a sea and a windmill, and he will make a farm anywhere, providing it is wet enough After what they have done, it would not be singular if, after finishing the Zuyder Zee, they should tackle the great German ocean They are capable of anything in the direction

The windmills are cumbrous, but very effective The machinery used to pump the water is a long screw propelled by the windmill, which raises a steady stream, and a very large one any night desired The crown of the dykes makes their principal roads, and, as they are paved with the concrete known as clinker, characterizes the work of the Dutch in everything, very delightful roads they are It is a novel sight to be riding along them and looking down from your carriage upon immense barges not five feet from you Then your sight ranges over the perfectly flat country as far as the eye can reach, ships, barges and boats of all kinds, sometimes above you and sometimes below sailing in every possible direction As you cannot see the water under them, it looks as though they were making way by some invisible power across lots and going wherever they pleased One is reminded of the captain of an Ohio river boat who, boasting of the little water the drew, claimed he would sail the Mary Ann across a meadow if the dew was on the grass.

Everywhere you see cows all black and white and magnificent animals they are The peculiarity of a Dutch landscape is cows and trees, and a picturesque landscape they make The country is perfectly flat—if there is any difference it is that one section is flatter than another, but as the eye takes in miles of territory and as the canals and roads are all bordered with trees and as the houses all have enormous steep roofs of red tiles, and as the fields are full of cows with villages very thickly dotted over the country, there is no lack of beauty in it It doesn't require a cold gray rock to make beauty A mountain is beautiful only in one way and beauty has many forms There is beauty of one kind in a red headed woman After you have been surfeited with the Rhine with its vine-clad hills and make it ruin crowned rocks flat Holland with its green fields red brown houses and black and white cows is a positive relief

JOHN G SAXE.

Rumor That The Great Yankee Humorist Has Softening of the Brain.

Mr John G Saxe the poet still resides in Albany, at the home of his son, and is an invalid The disease from which he suffers is neuralgia, and affecting the great nerve centers and accompanied by chronic dyspepsia The result is considerable physical pain and a degree of emaciation As exaggerated statements have been made concerning the gentleman's condition it is well that the facts be thus correctly given It should be added that no impairment of mental strength is characteristic or a consequence of the disease and that of course the reports of Mr Saxe having experienced a softening of the brain have no foundation in fact The poet reads regularly, but feels indisposed to writing still in conversation his logic fancy and analytic abilities are shown to be as marked as at any time His many friends and admirers regretting to learn of his illness will, nevertheless be gratified to know that the impressions concerning any disorder or decay of the mind of the sufferer, are totally devoid of truth

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Portland, Jan. 11, 1883.

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AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

Mr Whittington has been appointed cashier of the National bank.

The steamer Ocean New York, delivered her cargo at Astoria.

Capt Char has been ill for several days, and is confined to his room.

Mrs Wheeler, Post Commander at Fort Stevens, is in the city.

Mr and Mrs Robert A Habersham, who is ill with typhoid fever, were much worse yesterday.

The Typographical Union, No 58, meets at Yamhill's o'clock, over Frentiess music store.

A gentleman was created by a runaway on Second street yesterday morning, but no damage was done.

Mr Phillips, clerk at the custom house, who has been ill for days with pneumonia, is able to be out.

The new famous Chinese actor appeared before a large and admiring audience of Celestials last night.

Mr A Gardner, Indian inspector, is at the Esmond. He has now visited all the agencies in Oregon.

The funeral of John Forrer, who died Friday at the hospital, will be held to-morrow morn at 9 o'clock.

Some of the ringsters have retained their bribery monies not a few years nor more than ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Mr Foley, who was arrested a few days since for assault with intending a duel, was yesterday released on bail. He proved to be the wrong man.

The annual ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place at Turn Halle on Tuesday evening. The entertainments of this society are always enjoyable affairs.

Messrs Chiver, Martin Scmallden and Terry Gil three of the gang of chicken thieves whose arrest was recently noticed, have been sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of two years each.

Mr Bailey, who was arrested a few days since for assault with intending a duel, was yesterday released on bail. He proved to be the wrong man.

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The post died last night
Outworn his mortal frame
He hath fought well the fight
And won a deathless name

Bring laurel for his bier
And flowers to deck the hearse
The tribute of a tear
To his immortal verse

Hushed in that piercing strain
Who heard for pleasure wept
His were our joy and pain
He sang—our sorrow slept

Yes—weep for him no more
Shall such high songs have birth
Gone is the harp he bore
Forever from the earth

Weep, weep, and scatter flowers
Above his precious dust
Child of the heavenly powers—
Divine and pure and just

Ah weep—for when to-night
Shall hoot the horned owl—
Beneath the pale moon's light
The human ghouls prowl

What creatures those shall throng
Within the sacred gloom
To do our poet wrong—
To break the sealed tomb?

His truest friend and near
Toward whom his spirit moved
Was brother he held dear
The woman that he loved.

—*Washington Critic*

SANTA CLAUS IN THE MINES.

A California mining town, away up amid the snow-clad, rock-bound peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains

The town was irregularly laid out and was scattered along a creek which emptied into the Consumnes river several miles below Both the dwellings and business houses—or, more properly speaking, cabins—were constructed of unhewn pine logs, the crevices between the timbers being "chinked" and plastered with mud The town contained at least a dozen saloons or saloons and gambling houses combined and in these halls much of the hard earned money of the miner parted company with him to take up temporary abode in the saloon till or the pocket of the professional gambler The dwellings of the town were scattered along the creek or built on the adjacent mountain, the majority of them being, rough bachelor dens' for women were scarce in the newly discovered diggings

In a small cabin near the upper part of the town sat a woman in widow's weeds holding upon her knee a bright-eyed sunny faced little girl about five years old while a little cherub of a boy lay upon a bearskin before the open fire-place It was Christmas Eve, and the woman sat gazing abstractedly into the fire She was yet young and as the glowing flames lit up her sad face, they revealed it with a wierd beauty

Mary Stewart was the widow of Aleck Stewart and but two short years before they had lived comfortably and happy in a camp on the American river Aleck was a brawny miner but the premature explosion of a blast in an underground tunnel had blotted out his life in an instant, leaving his family without a protector and in straightened circumstances His daily wages had been their sole support and now that he had gone, what could they do?

With her little fam ly Mrs Stewart had emigrated to the camp in which we find them (all western mining towns are called camps,) and there she earned a precarious livelihood by washing clothes for the miners Her's was a heard lot but the brave little woman toiled on unheered by the thought that her daily labors stood between her darling little ones and the gaunt wolf of starvation Their clothes were patched and shabby and their food plain and sometimes scant, yet they were never reduced to absolute starvation

Jack Dawson a strong honest miner was passing the cabin this Christmas Eve when the voice of the little girl within attracted his attention Jack possessed an inordinate love for children and although his manly spirit would abhor the sneaking practice of eavesdropping he could not resist the temptation to steal up to the window just a moment to listen to the sweet, prattling voice The first words he caught were:

Before papa died we always had Christmas didn't we mamma?

Yes Totty darling but papa earned money enough to afford to make his pets happy at least once a year You must remember Totty, that we are very poor and although mamma works very hard she can scarcely supply us with food and clothes

The bright faced Benny raised his curly head from its soft nest in the warm bearskin and cheerily said

Den' wait till I dit to be a man, mamma an' you won't have to work I so doin' to be a drest big miner like papa was, an' dit oo ever so much money, but I wouldn't do near nuf to 'ward all 'lissin' things an dit tilled like papa did'

(Jack Dawson lingered upon the outside He could swear although he felt ashamed of himself for listening)

Why, bless my little man what a brave future he has planned' I do hope and pray darling that you will grow up a strong and good man and one who will be a blessing and a comfort to mamma when she gets old'

We hung up our stockings last Christmas didn't we mamma?" questioned the little girl

Yes Totty but we were poor then and Santa Claus never noticed real poor people He gave you a little candy then just because you were such good children'

Is we any poorer now mamma'

'Oh yes, much poorer He would never notice us at all, now

Jack Dawson detected a tremor of sadness in the widow's voice as she uttered the last words and he wiped a suspicious dampness from his eyes.

'Where's our clean stockings mamma? I'm going to hang mine up an now, maybe he will come like he did before just because we try to be good children," said Totty

'It will be no use, my darling I am sure he will not come," and tears gathered in the mother's eyes as she thought of her empty purse

I don't care, I'm going to try anyhow Please get one of my stockings mamma pleaded the little girl

Your clean stockings are on the line outside and I cannot go out and hunt for them this bitter, cold night You may hang up your old ones but I darling I fear you will be so terribly disappointed in the morning. Please let it go until next Christmas and then we may be richer"

No mamma, I'm going to try anyhow

Jack Dawson's great generous heart swelled until it seemed bursting from his bosom He heard the patter of little feet upon the cabin floor as Totty ran about hunting here and Benny's stockings and after she had hung them up heard her sweet voice again as she wondered over and over if Santa Claus would forget them He heard the mother in a choking voice tell her treasures to get ready for bed heard them lisp their childish prayers the little girl concluding

And O Lord! please tell good Santa Claus that we are very poor, but that we love Him as much as the rich children do for dear Jesus sake Amen'

After they were in bed through a small rent in the plain white curtain Jack saw the widow before the fire her face buried in her hands and weeping silently On a peg just over the fire place two little patched and well darned stockings and then he could stand it no longer He moved softly away from the wind with the rear of the cabin where some objects flattering in the wind met his eye Among these he searched until he found a little bit of fir which he removed from the line filled it with coals and placed in his overcoat pocket and then set out for the main street of the camp It was Harry Hawk's gambling hall that Jack entered the place where a host of miners and gamblers were at play Jack was well known in the camp and when he got up on a chair and all after attention the hum of voices and the clicking of ivory checks suddenly ceased Then in earnest voice he told what he had seen and heard repeating every word of the conversation between the mother and children In conclusion he said

Boys I think I know every one of you and I know just what kind of metal you are made of I've an idea that Santa Claus knows just where that cabin is situated and I've an idea he'll find it afore mornin' Hyar's one of the little gal's stockings that I hooked off'n the line what I heard the widder say she'd hung 'em with the washin' The lady o' them little ones was a good hard workin' miner an' he crossed the range in the lonesome dark just as one of us is liable to do in our dangerous business

Here's a few cents to help fill it down in the toe and hyar lays the stockin' on this card table—now chip in much or little as ye kin afford

If I'd on'y had time to the ace Jack would have been a gambler and leaving the card table he picked the little stocking up carefully and looked at it tenderly and when he had it fully looked at it tenderly and when he had it down another twenty had gone into the toe to keep company with the one placed there by Dawson

Another and another came up until the foot of the stocking was well filled and then came the cry from the gambling tables

Pass her around Jack'

As the word he lifted it from the table and started along the hall Before he had circulated round half-a dozen tables it showed signs of bursting beneath the weight of gold and silver coin, and a strong coin sack such as is used for sending treasures by express was procured and the stocking placed inside of it The round of the large hall was made, and in the meantime the story had spread all over the camp From various saloons came messengers saying

Send the stocking around the camp the boys are waitin for it"

With a party at his heels Jack went from saloon to saloon Games ceased and tipplers left the bars as they entered each place and miners, gamblers, speculators, everybody crowded up to tender their Christmas gift to the miner's widow and orphans Any one who has lived in the far western camps and is acquainted with the generosity of western men will feel no surprise or doubt my truthfulness when I say that after the round had been made the little blue stocking and the heavy canvas bag contained over $8000 in gold and silver coin

Horses were procured and a party dispatched to the large town down on the Consumnes from which they returned near daybreak with toys clothing, provisions etc in almost endless variety Arranging their gifts in proper shape and securely tying the bag of coin the party noiselessly repaired to the widow's humble cabin The bag was first laid on the steps and other articles piled up in a heap over it On the top was laid the lid of a large pasteboard box on which was written with a piece of charcoal

Santa Claus does'nt always give poor folks the shake in this camp

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Christmas morning dawned bright and beautiful The night had been a stinging cold one and when the rising sun peeped over the chain of mountains to the east and shot its beams upon the western range the sparkling frost flashed from the snow clad peaks as though their towering heads were sprinkled with pure diamonds

Mrs Stewart arose and a shade of pain crossed her handsome face as the empty little stockings caught her maternal eye She cast a hurried glance toward the bed where her darlings lay sleeping and whispered

'Oh God how bitter is poverty'

She built a glowing fire and set about preparing the frugal breakfast When it was all most ready she approached the bed kissed the little ones until they were wide awake, and lifted them to the floor With eager haste Totty ran to the stockings only to turn away sobbing as if her heart would break Tears blinded the mother and clasping her little girl to her heart she said in a choking voice

Never mind my darling, next Christmas I am sure mamma will be richer and then Santa Claus will bring us lots of nice things

Oh mamma'

The exclamation came from little Benny who had opened the door and was standing gazing in amazement upon the wealth of gifts there displayed

Mrs Stewart sprang to his side and looked in speechless astonishment She read the card and then causing her little ones to kneel down with her in the open doorway she poured out her soul in a torrent of praise and thanksgiving to God

Jack Dawson a burly form moved from behind a tree a short distance away and sneaked off up the gulch great crystal tears chasing each other down his face

The family arose from their knees and began to move the stores into the cabin There were several sacks of flour hams canned fruits pounds and pounds of coffee tea and sugar new dress goods, and a han some warm woolen shawl for the widow shoes stockings hats mittens and clothing for children a great big wax doll that could cry and move its eyes for Totty and a beautiful red sled for Benny All were carried inside amidst alternate laughs and tears

Bring in the sack of salt Totty and that is all said the mother Is not God good to us?

I can lift it mamma it is free on the step'

The mother stooped and took hold of it and lifted harder and harder until she raised it from the step Her cheek blanched as she noted its great weight and breathlessly she carried it in and laid it upon the breakfast table With trembling fingers she loosened the string and emptied the contents upon the table Gold and silver more than she had ever thought of in her wildest dreams of comfort and almost buried in the pile of treasure lay Totty's little blue stocking

We will not intrude longer upon such happiness but will leave the joyful family sounding praises to heaven and—Santa Claus

The whole story reached Mrs Stewart's ears She knew Jack Dawson by sight, and when she next met him although the honest fellow tried hard to push by her she caught hold of his coat and compelled him to stand and listen to her tearful thanks, The tears shed were not all hers for when Jack moved away there were drops of liquid crystals hanging to his ruddy cheeks

Four months from that 'Merry Christmas Mrs Stewart became Mrs Jack Dawson and every evening when the hardy miner returns from his daily labor to his comfortable and home Totty and Benny will climb upon his strong knees and almost smother him with kisses while they lovingly address him as our Santa Claus papa

A TOUCHING INCIDENT

How an Ever Popular Melody Brought Tears to an Old Druggard's Eyes.

Providence Journal

About ten o'clock Tuesday evening three persons stood together under a gaslight on High street A few doors adjacent was a saloon and through its half opened door came snatches of coarse laughter and licentious song interjected with occasional oaths Of the three figures standing near at hand one was a man apparently of middle age well formed and bearing upon his bloated and rum suffused countenance memories of better days The other two were females apparently his wife and daughter The face of the older woman was pale and anxious while that of the younger was pitiful and sad Only fragments of their conversation could be heard but it was clearly evident that the wife was eagerly imploring the partially intoxicated husband to go home with them but he refused and tried in a manner to induce them to leave him alone

Just then there came merrily to pass around a corner close at hand a party of young people of both sexes who were evidently returning from some festival or entertainment As the party came into High street they commenced singing crossing the street Their voices will indeed floated forth wafted for a moment on the still night air and as the group sang gradually disappeared in the distance snatches of melody came floating back upon the ears of the listeners including the group of three who referred to Then even the talk ceased and listening the man's bloated features of the man worked convulsively and the sweet cadences waft d back to his ears as the increasing distance grew fainter then merging in echoes and finally ceased altogether

What was he thinking of What had the thread of memory had on those revels with his former even the sixth or seventh dozen of which held in mind and told by his wife's lips Were they reminiscences of the bright days of innocence when he and his wife had been young and their children were at play Jack was well known in the camp and when he got up on a chair and all after attention the hum of voices and the clicking of ivory checks suddenly ceased Then in an earnest voice he told what he had seen and heard repeating every word of the conversation between the mother and children In conclusion he said

Boys I think I know every one of you and I know just what kind o metal yer made of I've an idee that Santa Claus knows just where that cabin is situated and I've an idee he'll find it afore mornin' Hyar's one of the little gal's stockings that I hooked off'n the line what I heard the widder say she'd hung 'em with the washin' The lady o' them little ones was a good hard workin mi er an' he crossed the range in the lonesome dark just as one of us is liable to do in our dangerous business

A SEAL-SKIN CLOAK.

I had always wanted one I should not have been satisfied with a short sealskin sacque I would a three hundred dollar cloak at the least I do not think I was more fond of dress than ordinary women, but I loved nice things Real lace velvets and silks gave me positive enjoyment Not that I might dress to outshine others but I loved luxury and, alas we were poor Leon and I We were very young I was eighteen and my husband twenty-three We had been married six months and were keeping house in a cozy little cottage cleanly but comfortably furnished, and which I made beautiful by various little devices that cost nothing

Leon made a mistake perhaps, in not telling me from the first just what he could afford and what he could not, but he was foolishly in love with his little wife and tried to gratify every wish of mine I was selfish and exacting utterly undisciplined and the more I thought about the cloak the more I coveted it I had a neighbor newly married like myself, and she had a lovely one I did not stop to consider that although Mrs Aylmer's husband was only a clerk like mine that she was a wealthy man's daughter who had given her an elaborate outfit

She was calling on me one day and wore the elegant cloak

'I do wish I had one I said childishly patting the glossy fur as she was leaving

Make your husband get you one" she laughed adding Fred would get me anything'

Her words rankled and I determined I would have that cloak

After supper as we sat up our little sitting room I broached the subject

I'm dear I said sitting down on an ottoman at his feet a favorite position when I want d to tease won't you get me a sealskin cloak like Mrs Aylmer's for a Christmas present?

But my darling he expostulated Mrs Aylmer's cloak cost three hundred dollars at least

Well I pouted three hundred dollars isn't such a vast sum is it?

No dear but infinitely more than we can afford You know my salary is small and the furnishing of this house with a year's rent in advance took nearly all the money I had saved before our marriage Since then I have had up only a hundred dollars So little one couldn't, fondly down upon me where am I to get the oth r two hundred'

Dear me I replied petulantly can't you make it some way—speculate or something' Other men make money faster than you do'

My husband's face grew very grave as he inquired

Lulu, do you think I would deny you this if I could get it for you'

Oh heaven forgive me' I knew I was wrong but I replied sulkily

If I had married Edwin Armstrong he would have bought it for me

I was frightened at Leon's wh te face as he rose to his feet pushing me from him when I tried to detain him

Has it come to this he said hoarsely, that you regret having refused a richer man for me?

Without a word more he left the room and a moment later the house shook as he slammed the front door after him

I sat where he left me and cried awhile then grew resentful

I don't care I said I want the cloak so much and I do believe he could get it if he would, besides that I might as well show him first as last that I am not going to be scared by his tantrum"

I retired early Leon seldom stayed out late an only when compelled to do so but that night it was one o'clock when I heard his latch key in the door and when he came and stood inside me I pretended to be asleep

The next morning Leon was very grave He kissed me as usual but all the warmth had gone from his kiss nor his temper died and I sulked

He shall see that I don't care I thought

Very little was said at the breakfast table and I grew more and more uncomfortable

Although the tedious meal was finished He came and stood beside me I thought he was going to put his arms around me and take his goodby kiss as usual but he did nothing of the kind He only said

Lulu I have found a way to make some extra money and you shall have the cloak but unless you want to drive me mad never repeat what you said last night

He stooped kissed my forehead and left me but somehow the prospect of obtaining my wish failed to elate me

The days dragged along Leon seemed utterly changed All the buoyancy and laugh ter was gone instead he was silent and cold, never cross always gentle and kind but so cold!

Perhaps his love had been warmer than mine at first but now when I felt that his affection was waning I began to value it loved him better, and grew wretched accordingly He was frequently absent at night and when I asked what detained him he said briefly

Business

Christmas morning at last I went down early to the dining room A large box stood on a chair I opened it eagerly and lifted out the most lovely sealskin cloak I had ever seen, far surpassing Miss Aylmer's

It must have cost four hundred dollars I said under my breath It is superb

In the bottom of the box was a card on which was written

I have fulfilled my promise Leon

Not a word of love not a Christmas wish With a heavy sigh I laid the cloak back in the box as my husband entered

Does it suit you' he asked quietly

It is very beautiful where did you get the money I said'

Never mind where he said more harshly than he had ever spoken to me You have the cloak are you satisfied'

Oh yes I replied lightly driving back the tears that filled my eyes Only you are getting to be a regular bear

That evening there was a concert I went with Mrs Aylmer and her husband Leon said he had business

Christmas night' I asked wonderingly

Yes Christmas night' business that must be transacted a bitter smile curving his lips as he replied

We are early Two of those women who perpetually canvass their neighbors affairs at all times and in all places sat behind us Presently one of them mentioned my husband's name and willingly or not I was forced to hear

But you know I don't say before this man, Leon

Yes I met him several times but I never saw his wife

No I but at one time I knew him quite well He resided in Allen's Grove a whole summer Our landlord and lady were friends of his and I have often heard the latter say that Leon Ray a gambler had won all his money from him when I was a child

Mr Lucks requested the prisoner to turn quickly about and I promptly followed suit leaving Mr Hallwell to read to the wall In the course of his remarks Mr Loucks said the bishop's letter deposing Mr Hallwell and afterwards all returned to the church where the latter was again read in presence of Mr Hallwell whose conduct was briefly commented upon and condemned Mr Hallwell rendered to reply but the audience refused to hear him and left the church *Toronto Globe*

Treed with Rattlesnakes

Cosmos Delamar the well known guide of the Blue mountains was out hunting a couple of days ago was crossing a small clearing he had just shot a fine buck after he picked it up again and was startled to hear very close to his ear the peculiar whirring of a rattlesnake and saw the tail of the snake protruding from the muzzle of his gun He dropped the gun quickly, but instead of coming out he raised it and fired a shot into the barrel, six inches from the muzzle, killing the snake Mr Delamar resolved to fire the gun which was loaded with powder and shot After taking a drink of water and the snake after taking a drink of water came down balls used up—*Milford Dog atch*

Another "Expediter"

I have found from a small agent of the Memphis and Little Rock road has been engaged to pass are in the district to see of corporation for selling registered letters

THAT MANUSCRIPT.

Once again in England'

From my earliest boyhood I think, the passion for exploring the unknown lands has been the ruling desire of my life For pleasure I had ransacked Egypt followed up the mighty Nile sixteen stream struck across Abyssinia years before King Theodore had been heard of and failed in an attempt to navigate the Yang tse kiang from the source in Central Asia

But now I had done much more than this I was a real discoverer, laden with priceless knowledge, dug from the ditches and wrested from the sands deserts of Persia Layard had made himself a noble name from his antiquarian discoveries at Nineveh, had not Smith, of the British Museum won reputation by exploring the origin of the Bible and tramping in the veritable Garden of Eden? Monsieur Botta I knew had created a European fame by his Nineveh discoveries of Cuniform inscriptions All this I knew well and it was this fact had impelled me, ten years before the present date to lay aside aimless flittings to and fro over the map of the world, and settle down into one single exploring feat which would add to the increasing pyramid of knowledge and make its author known to all ages as one of the great discoverers of the nineteenth century

Yes I had declared to myself Babylon and Nineveh have been found again But there were another capital of ancient history hardly even so much as hinted of by the ordinary reader but perhaps, in magnificence surpassing both known to the student of Herodotus and Polybius yet its sight at that day of profound mystery I was determined to probe to the depths of the secret of the second capital of ancient Media which is called the palace of the puissant and stern Deiokes one of the truest rulers of history who's cities were of ivy and whose pillars were of solid gold In a word I had at ten year I fine fortune Thanks and here I was in England once again a triumphant victor I believed in the light sparkle division and sand and desolation

The London Chatham and Dover railway might be in at first sight to have nothing much in common with the ancient Assyrian monarchs but on the platform day when my servants fortune, though at the eleventh hour once more dealt the platform of Victoria station I had interested all my Medo Persian Assyrian treasures to a common luggage van and I first class carriage on that favored line The luggage van held my boxes crates bags and impedimenta of large size containing not only my personal belongings but all the riches I had brought fit to bring with me from the regions of the Tigris As to the first class carriage that contained beside myself my manuscript written from day to day and which actually comprised my whole tale of work done and discoveries made during the eight years in which I had continued my Persian explorations It made a bulky roll of paper and I had swathed it round in so many wrappings that it has the appearance of an infant mummy from the land of sacred Ibis

I had rattled across European fast as I could after disembarking at Brindisi from Alexandria Feverish anxiety had taken hold of me now that my task was really completed to place the results of my patient toil and the toil of hundreds of native workmen in the hands of a first rate British publisher Through the printing press was my road to immortality as I knew No wonder I treasured up that roll of manuscript

My plan was to go straight to a well known publishing firm with my manuscript even before presenting myself to my kind mother the other members of my family and my publisher I made choice with great skill I knew he was the head of an equally famous firm who had recently issued a book dealing with Nineveh antiquities entitled The City of Tenah Human nature and the laws of commercial competition would of course, prompt him to desire to publish another portion of Persia that which I had explored Who should I not call it The Tomb of Alexander' might wait now It would never be a literary rival of 'The City of Jonah for the simple reason that it would never be published Besides a rather treacherous memory, I had no other materials whatever to work on so as to reconstruct my tale of exploration Beyond a doubt the ten years of study of danger of toil and privation, cheerfully borne because of the unfailing solace of a great hope—all were there to serve

Back to the east once more'

Thank heaven I had recovered my wits and my manhood But I had been utterly unable, with the weight of my loss on me, to visit my family and my friends I had left London—accursed city of my tribulation—behind me on the very night on which I arrived in it

Yes I was off to Persia again determined to count the past ten years simply as a dream, and to begin my exploring work all over again

When I got to Brindisi my mind was sufficiently recovered from its shock to understand that I had acted foolishly in not offering a reward in England for the recovery of my bag containing the manuscript I set that matter right by telegraphing to my London agents to immediately advertise a reward of £100. I might even yet recover the treasure but it was such a forlorn chance that I decided not to wait but to push on to my destination my deserted trenches and quarries at Ibatana

Every step of my journey however was impressible maimed only to me The Mudir ranean was simply haunted by the recollection with which I had steamed along it a few weeks ago I felt quite ten years older Age was creeping on me, and a terrible blank had been created in my life I was as one who had lost a dear friend still, I nerved myself for the coming struggle, I would conquer I would get publish my work, I would wrest fame from fortune, though at the eleventh hour

It was in this mood that I found myself at Alexandria The canal was not yet quite complete so was had to go the old land route to Suez I stood on the landing stage watching my mass of luggage being disembarked

I had brought it back with me These, at all events I had said to myself shall not be lost And I had mentally determined, when I reached England to carry back with me double and treble the number of relics and valuables of Medic history that I now possessed

One by one the fateful ten boxes and packages were hauled up out of the luggage boat and deposited at my feet I could only stand for up a languid interest in their safety Nevertheless I thought it best to remain and see that they were not unnecessarily knocked about by the Egyptian porters

It seemed fated that my baggage should meet with accident Some of the packages were certainly heavy, and that my account for it This time it was a portmanteau that came to grief—the one which I have mentioned as being made with a loose pocket at the side to contain a cap or "fez" if required Of course I severely lectured the clumsy boatmen who were responsible, though no actual harm had been done It was only a fall of a couple of feet that the portmanteau had and nothing of great value to me was packed inside it

Then I turned to leave after giving exact orders as to carrying the baggage to the railway station at once I thought however that I would just count the boxes and bags to make sure they were all there

There ought, in the natural course of things as I said before to have been ten packages and ten only since the low of the seventh the manuscript bag I ran my eye tediously over them and suddenly became perfectly petrified with astonishment No other word will paint it. I was rooted to the ground like a Druidical stone Every faculty I had was concentrated in the absorbing one of complete unmitigated surprise

Here was the manuscript bag! It was lying at my feet quite quietly I expected it suddenly to vanish but it did nothing of the kind I stared at it and it seemed to stare back at me Instead of clutching it immediately I was so convinced it was not real and only hollow mirage and mockery, that I turned away and walked a few paces off to bring myself back to my senses

But when I moved back to my former position opposite the luggage I could descry the fact no longer The bag was here! Then I aimed it with feverish haste opened it, tore the myriad wrappings away from the roll inside and my precious, my beloved, my well-worn manuscript was pressed to my heart!

How it got there is easily explained The wretched little bag must have slipped down in the scuffle which took place at Victoria station, and secreted itself by chance in the loose pocket of the portmanteau As there was nothing in that pocket I had not been careful about fastening it, and consequently the flap was loose By an inconceivably bad piece of luck my sacred manuscript fell into that identical pocket, and lay unnoticed

Only to me the story of a "sell," and a sell' it was to me But a sell which writes wrinkles in the forehead and sows gray hairs in the beard even of a strong man, may be quite as bad while it lasts, as a bona-fide misfortune of the good old fashioned type

DOLLS WORTH MANY DOLLARS.

Baby Pets of the Petted Babies that Cost Enough to Make Paupers Head Mum.

Said a doll dealer to a New York *Morning Journal* reporter, The value of the last few weeks' importation may be put at $600,000 Three hundred thousand dollars' worth are now in the retail shops to be sold to private customers for holiday presents to children The rest will be purchased from the wholesale shops by out of town dealers Why, a ready made doll a costume of ordinary elegance is worth $50 and such costumes are made for spring summer winter and autumn, as a doll could not reasonably be expected to wear the same clothes the year round The beauer doll in this shop is valued at $95 Her dress and jewels are very rich and elaborate

Show me an economical doll"

Certainly' said she, there is one in white satin with a white satin cape trimmed with swan's down poke bonnet ditto silk stockings and kid slippers It is $50 Here is an exquisite doll in old gold, plaid plush sacque, with a blue satin dress and red satin bonnet, with ostrich tips, a mere matter of $45

The reporter grasped and turning to the superintendent of the department, said "Do these dolls go out of the stock alone?"

No said he they require elegant trousseau boxes of toilet articles trunks hand boxes etc A tolerable wardrobe includes two extra dresses—one fancy satin the other a white suit a full line of underwear, lace caps fashionable hats necklaces ear rings brooches and a basket of flowers Some wardrobes are arranged in handsome boxes others in trunks ready for starting A fair wardrobe costs $15 some are $9 while a limited wardrobe for a very young doll is only 98 cents'

A miniature bedstead with a brocade velvet spread and cardinal satin cushion costs $9. More luxurious couches for dolls cost $15 In such a room chairs are $3 and $4. Bronze highlights secured in a manner to prevent very active dolls from jumping or falling out of them are $8 and $10 apiece Lace-curtained cradles for dolls which have not yet been weaned may be had for $9

"Clear as Mud."

Anxious to explain the meaning of hyperbole a Presbyterian minister said 'Perhaps you do not understand the meaning of the word hyperbole This word, my friends, increases or diminishes a thing beyond the exact truth Suppose I should say the whole of this congregation is fast asleep That would be a hyperbole for there is not above one-half of you sleeping

A wealthy stock broker passing along the street surprises a two year old urchin with his hand in the stock broker's pocket attempting to perform the handkerchief trick

You young scoundrel!" he exclaims with severity, "are you not ashamed of yourself to steal at your age?

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LATEST DISPATCHES.

THE SHIPPING BILL.

On its way through the House of Congress.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 14.—When the House met to-day Mr. Hiscock, of the committee on ways and means, reported back the bill to provide for the registry of vessels built in foreign countries and owned by citizens of the United States. He said that the committee had considered the bill and had agreed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. He moved that the bill be laid on the table.

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...ORNING. ...JANUARY 14, 1883.

...ROUND SOUTH

...Dollars in Gold ...Unearthed.

...TAKES THE POT.

...Hundred Years ...Depended to the ...Decision ...Bronson.

...Morning Journal.

...a sensation just now that ... It will serve to rekindle ...ter for Captain Kidd's ...treasure for which some of ...Berkeley have been searching ...Brown who lives in this ...the week discovered a ...amounting to $27,000. ...there has been a belief ...depositions of this part of the ...French, a large amount of treas... ...in Franklin, near where the ...and close by the ancient house ...which is now occupied by ...a residence. Columbus ...in regard to this treasure, ...the thought of becoming pos... ...in this way has haunted him.

PERSONALITY.

...two Frenchmen with ...of the locality, and who were ...descendants of the old French ...settled in Franklin and stop... ...hotel, remaining several ...very reticent as to their ...purchased a crowbar and pick ...on excursions and jaunts ...to remote hills and various ...frequently, requesting ...not, but as far as was known ...and finally went away. It ...at the time that they were search... ...of which they had some ... There was some specula... ...as to the affair of the French... ...in the local papers, ...hundreds-and-one inci... ...of every-day life, was for... ...Mr. Brown. He had made ...for treasure which were ...to mislead the Indians and of re... ...at a subsequent date. The excava... ...the French was, however, final and the ...that they possessed was Fort Niagara, ...a hundred miles distant, with a ...filled with Indians between, so that ...singular they were never able to recover ...treasure. A careful estimate of the coins ...total value as $27,000. The coins ...on exhibition at one of the banks ...has been offered ten times the value ...coin. He, of course, feels highly ...his good fortune.

...Saturday morning he arose and ...went and made the measu... ...as directed in his dream. He found ...brought directly to the foot of the ...his information to himself, ...Colonel Brooklley, who owns the ...the tree is situated, asked and ...permission on a pretext to dig at the ...He and his sixteen-year-old ...digging immediately. Six ...and their spade struck some ...almost directly beneath the ...digging away of the dirt dis... ...end of an iron box or ...with excitement they continued ...they unearthed the chest, which ...long, 20 inches wide and 24 ...or about the dimensions of an ...Their united efforts could ...from the excavation, but could only ...young man was sent for a ...chisel, and the lid was hurriedly

FULL OF GOLD.

...which met their gaze was almost ...mad of almost any man. The ...three-thirds full of gold and silver ...and covered with sand and ...nevertheless gold. The coins ...French, but a number of ...German and Spanish are among ...They bear dates 1729, 17—, ...various other dates, the latest ...which is the identical year *Fort* ...completed. A brass ruler found ...bore the name "Jonearre" stamped ...This is the name of the officer in ...of the troops. The fort was evacuat... ...very hastily!

THE OLD FORT.

...location of the field in which the treasure ...discovered is about seventy-five rods ...of the fort and was no doubt selected ...to mislead the Indians and of re... ...at a subsequent date. The excava... ...the French was, however, final and the ...that they possessed was Fort Niagara, ...a hundred miles distant, with a ...filled with Indians between, so that ...singular they were never able to recover ...treasure. A careful estimate of the coins ...total value as $27,000. The coins ...on exhibition at one of the banks ...has been offered ten times the value ...coin. He, of course, feels highly ...his good fortune.

SELVERTUD CELLINI.

...Talked about the Man who was ...the King of the Jewelers."

...revival of "Le Roi s'Amuse" at ...Francais in Paris, has directed at... ...to the relation of Francis I. with Ben... ...Cellini, to whom he extended a gener... ...patronage, though Victor Hugo has ...to represent him as a vulgar debauchee. ...he never, however, glad to get rid of Benvenuto ...and, and no one will wonder at it who ...M. Pica's recent work on that wayward ...The King assigned him quarters in a ...called the Petit Nesle; but he soon ...with other occupants of the building, ...whom was the famous printer, Pierre ..., and another a perfume distiller. ...having expelled the latter forcibly from ..., and throws his furniture out of ..., legal proceedings were the result. ...them in a characteristic fash... ...called to my aid," he said, "a long ...which I possessed, for I had always a ...beautiful arme. I looked out the man ...taken proceedings against me, and, ...him one evening, I felt upon him with ..., and gave him so many stabs in the ..., taking care, however, not to kill ...he was never able to walk upright ...then went in search of the person ...sending him up in the suit, and I ...in such a fashion that the with... ...charge speedily followed. "Thank... ..." he piously adds, "for thus as for all ...favors, I hoped to be able to live ...without being molested."

"The Father Sold Clarence."

...cities warred for Homer dead, who ...no roof to shield his head;" and two ...allowed Malachi Fallon to die in ...Even almshouses are now contending ...right to wear widow's weeds on his ac... ...explanation of this latter state of ..., that news has recently come from ...that Fallon was heir to a considerable ...there.

TRUE OR FALSE.

The Tragic End of James Bearse, of Howard County, Mo.

A STORY OF THE JAMES GANG.

A Remarkable Story of Blood and Crime Told by a Witness Resident of Denver.

Denver Republican.

James buys literature has become disgusting to the majority of readers—having become surfeited with it. The people have had it dished up to them in every shape and imaginable manner of mental cookery, but caterers to the vitiated taste of the masses have generally found that the dear people preferred it raw, without salt or condiments of any kind. Some of the stories told of the bold bandit gang, of which their is but one remaining member at large—Jim Cummings—are ludicrous in the extreme, but by far the hardest to believe are those founded on fact, illustrating the adage well that truth is stranger than fiction. Frank James is in jail at Independence, Mo., and is posing as a martyr beside whom the sainted Jesse would sink into utter insignificance. Compared, Jesse's robe would not be near so white as Frank's, his harp would not be so large, sweet-sounding, nor as costly, nor would his

GOLDEN SLIPPERS AND STARRY CROWN

Be of as unique pattern, nor of relative heavenly commercial value. Of course these things are in the prospective for Frank, but with a faith that hope can give he expects, in the classical language of Aristides, the just, to "Get there Ely." A short time before Col. Frank astonished the civilized world and Gov. Crittenden by capitulating at Jefferson City, and applying for a parole as a prisoner of war, a story was current through a portion of Missouri relative to a deed of the immaculate Col. F. J., which looked confirmation, and the relators of it were deemed Munchausens improved by education and breeding. As many mysteries span in the east are unraveled by the fingers of time in the far west, so the story which was current about Frank James, and which was not widely circulated nor confirmed, has received confirmation strong as holy writ, and a Denver woman is the one who lifted the veil. Without further preliminaries it will be necessary to relate the story, which will be done without embellishment. The 16th of last July Mr. James Bearse, a farmer living near Estill, Howard county, Mo., received the following telegram from New York City:

NEW YORK, July 16, 1882.

To James Bearse, Estill, Missouri:

William is dead. Come at once. LAURA

The William referred to was a son of Mr. Bearse, and Laura is his daughter. He lost no time in answering the telegram in person, and in due time the remains were brought home and interred in the Ebenezer churchyard. By the death of William Bearse, or Bill Bearse, as he was familiarly called, a character in one of the

MOST NOTED DRAMAS

Ever played on the stage of life was laid to rest, and the curtain was rung down on a tragedy than which none more deeply and damnably dark was ever enacted. In the summer and fall of 1864, Bill Anderson, the noted guerilla, and his band made Howard and Boone counties their headquarters. In the almost impenetrable fastness of the scrub oak ridges of Blackfoot and the jungles around Salt creek, they were comparatively safe from pursuit of regular troops, and from their retreats they made incursions into neighboring counties, killing, burning and robbing; and, when loaded down with plunder, would return in their rendezvous and spend a week or so in recreation. That section of the country was intensely rebellious, and the guerrillas were received at every house with true southern hospitality. The girls looked upon such men as Frank and Jesse James, Arch Clements, Bill Stewart, Jim Garner, in short, all the band, as heroes; but, they were leading characters, and the sweetest smiles of the girls were reserved for them, especially after their hands were a little redder than usual with "Yankee" blood. Old man Bearse then lived close to Rocheport, a famous resort for the gang, as military was stationed there, and his house was a kind of headquarters for any of the band who happened to be away from camp. Mr. Bearse was an eastern man by birth, but it was generally supposed he was a southern sympathizer, but he was never known to express an opinion. His daughter Laura, however,

WAS AN ARDENT REBEL,

And the guerillas undoubtedly thought that as long as the girl was all right the old man was. When Price made his last raid into Missouri, Bill Anderson and his band joined him at Booneville, but afterwards left him and recrossed the river into North Missouri. While on a foray through Ray county, he was killed near Richmond. The leadership then devolved on Arch Clements, the first lieutenant, but some of the gang seceded and refused to follow him to Texas. Frank James took command of the other party, and at once returned to his old rendezvous in Howard county. This was in the fall of the year. The guerillas didn't have as gay a time as they had had during the summer Federal troops were more plentiful. Forces were massing at Glasgow, Fayette, Columbia, and other near points. If the band made move the troops were sure of the fact, and fatal results followed. One by one the men under the leadership of Frank James were picked off. It was noticed that old man Bearse's trips to military posts were more frequent than ever before, but as he always brought back ammunition or something of that sort nothing was thought about it. Frank James mentioned one day, in the presence of Mr. Bearse, that Luke Bissell and Al. Carter were going on a visit to their friends in Jackson county. They started, but never reached there. They were intercepted and killed by a scouting party. The night the news of their death reached the band, old man Bearse

WAS SHOT

Near his barn and left for dead. He, however, recovered. The James boys left that part of the country, disappearing suddenly, as was their wont. The rest of the party were certainly very stupid or they might have suspicioned something, too, but they did not, and prepared to go into winter quarters. The band numbered just six. They chose a place in the Perche hills for their headquarters and prepared to pass the winter. They were all well supplied with money and their log cabin was as luxuriously fitted up as a Turkish harem. They visited the girls in the neighborhood and if there were any counting parties out the girls visited them. Bill Bearse was a frequent visitor, and, in fact, was considered one of them, so much so that he came and went at will. There was a military station at Rocheport and the guerillas were completely shut off from all sources of supplies, except what came to them through the hands of friends. One night in February the house of the out-laws was surrounded, and so completely were they taken by surprise that they were all killed with the exception of the notorious Harve Rucker, who escaped, but who was killed shortly afterwards. The federals lost one man, Sergeant Herne. Bill Bearse had led the attacking party, and while the fight was going on he, knowing where the money and valuables were concealed, helped himself, securing

NEARLY $100,000 IN MONEY

And valuable jewelry. The young Bearse could not, of course, after his perfidy became known, live in that neighborhood, and he went to St. Louis and opened a fine livery stable. But there was a Nemesis upon his track that eventually hounded him down. While in St. Louis he was shot at a dance house one night by an unknown party, who made good his escape. No sooner was Bearse well than his life was again attemped by an assassin, who stabbed him in the back, the knife failing to reach a vital part, however. Bearse went to New Orleans, and was there married. While settling in his house, one night, talking with his wife, a ball intended for him came crashing through the window, and killed his wife. He then went to New York city, and while walking in Central Park, one night, was shot at and missed, and in many other places his life was attempted. He finally went to Europe, and remained there until about a year ago, when he returned to America. While in London, he was struck on the head with a loaded cane by some unknown person, so that his reason became impaired, and he was obliged to be attended by some one at all times. When he returned to New York, his sister Laura met him there, and remained with him until his death. While she was there she wrote a friend in Denver—the woman previously alluded to—that she

HAD SEEN FRANK JAMES

And talked to him. Shortly afterwards she sent the telegram to her father announcing William's death. In a conversation with the lady who received the letter from Miss Bearse she stated to the writer that she had just returned from Missouri, and while there had found out that Will Bearse had been murdered. She had seen and conversed with those who had examined his body and they stated that he was shot through the heart. That Bearse was killed there can be no question. Who killed him will remain a mystery. If Frank James did it will never be known. The story of his treachery, sudden acquisition of wealth, flight, and the numerous attacks upon his life can be vouched for by hundreds who are acquainted with the facts, and the story is but another link in the chain of guilt around the neck of Missouri's last bandit.

THE VANDERBILT FAMILY.

The Mansions in Which the Great Millionaire and His Sons Reside

Hartford Times.

Vanderbilt has eight children and eleven grandchildren. His four daughters are married to New Yorkers, and two have been presented with small palaces costing $600,000 apiece, while he is building houses for the other two at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, adjoining St. Thomas church. The ground for the two buildings cost $400,000 last spring, and I suppose the house will cost double that. His two eldest sons, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who seems destined to occupy toward his father the same relation that William H. held to the Commodore, and William K. Vanderbilt, the second son, are already millionaires in their own right, and are now finishing palaces which even eclipse the new home which Vanderbilt moved into last year. Cornelius Vanderbilt is the financier among the sons, while William K. is the esthetic member of the family, having employed Richard M. Hunt to build his white stone chateau at the corner of Fifth-second street and Fifth avenue, and having paid $288,000 for the carving alone on the inside of his house. Some of the tapestries of his house are now on exhibition at the Metropolitan museum while the painters and decorators are giving the last touches. The house has been three years in building and has occupied the whole time of two architects, working under Hunt, and six draughtsmen. The designs for one of the mantels alone required three months' work by two men. The $150,000 which W. H. Vanderbilt spent in bringing the obelisk over here was the first contribution of the Vanderbilt family toward the art monuments of the city, but it is probable that it will not be the last. It is even whispered in this connection that there is a probability that Vanderbilt will contribute the quarter of a million dollars needed for the building of a pedestal for the enormous statue of Liberty which the French nation intend presenting us with next spring.

MARIE ANTOINETTE.

Embroidery Executed in Prison by France's Ill-Fated Queen.

There is what is said to be an interesting historical relic at No. 10, East Twenty-third street, in the rooms of the newly-opened Art Repository. It is a strip of linen embroidered elaborately, about six inches in width and twenty four inches in length. It is claimed that the work was done by the unfortunate Marie Antoinette while she was in prison. The linen is so frail from age that it has been placed in a frame under glass to preserve it. The story of this relic is that the fallen queen worked on the linen unknown to her keepers. It is a part of a towel. After her death it was found, preserved, and became the property of a nobleman later attached to the court of Louis Philippa. When the citizen king fled to England this nobleman attended him in his flight. Previous to his departure he placed the treasured relic with a friend, telling him it was an heirloom in his family, and that if he lived he would redeem it at any price. But the nobleman never returned, dying soon after his exile began, and the embroidered towel was carried after a few years to New Zealand by the person with whom it had been entrusted, and remained there until a few months ago, when its possessor died at the age of ninety-four. Within a few weeks his most valued effects have been sent to a daughter living in this city. This lady has visited the call where this embroidery was fashioned in a semi-light that lace makers of the present period would consider too obscure to work in, but which was common enough to the lace manufacturers of the period previous to the French Revolution, which was an era of fine lace. The specimen here was especially fond of rare and elegant laces. It seems that in this secret embroidery of the linen towel she had endeavored to imitate many kinds of lace. At the top is a little plain space of the material where she made a little row of letters with a needle—a second row having been commenced and abandoned. Then came ten or twelve bands of embroidery, no two being alike. The threads have been drawn, and were, doubtless, used again in the various patterns.—*N. Tribune, Dec. 22d.*

A WEDDING INTERRUPTED.

Why a Carolina Bride-Elect Refused to a Select-ocking Mercyiver.

Atlanta Constitution.

By the way, Ballard Smith tells a story of a North Carolina wedding. It runs this way: It was in the Carolina backwoods, a country couple and a country parson. Though a Baptist, the minister wore a surplice. When the had finished the ceremony he said:

"An' them 'uns who God hath joined—"

"Stop that, parson," said the groom; don't say them 'un, say those 'uns!"

"Uh'm," said the parson; "I teck you at school, and I say them 'uns."

"Those 'uns," shouted the groom, drawing his pistol.

The parson, seeing the movement, fired through his surplice, and the groom dropped dead—winging the parson as he went down. There was a lively fusillade of perhaps thirty shots. When the smoke cleared away a half dozen men were on the floor. The bride, peeping over the pulpit to which she had fled for refuge, gazed mournfully on the scene and said:

"Them self-cockin pistols is a playin' —— with my prospecks!"

Of course the story is an impossible one, and yet, said Mr. Smith: "That is the staple story of the south that is circulated and believed throughout the north. While such a thing could hardly have happened in North Carolina any more than in New York, the average northern man smiles incredulously when you tell him that this performance is impossible at a Carolina wedding."

MODJESKA'S CLEVER TRICK.

How the Great Polish Actress Sold a whole House full of Company.

A good story is told of Modjeska, now playing in Boston, by an Eng lish correspondent of a Washington paper. It appears she was recently asked in a fashionable drawing-room to give a recitation in her native tongue. At first she was unwilling to comply, declaring that the recitation could scarcely be interesting, as nobody in the room was supposed to know Polish. Yielding to the opportunities of those around her, she commenced a Polish recitation. As she proceeded her eyes flashed fire, and her audience were almost spell-bound by her impassioned delivery. They could, of course, only imagine what she was saying, but they presumed she was uttering the aspirations of her countrymen for freedom and denouncing the oppressors of Poland. When the recitation was finished, the most enthusiastic plaudits rewarded Mme. Modjeska's efforts. It looked rather suspicious, however, to see her husband and two or three Polish friends in fits of laughter, as the company left the room. It was then explained that she had only been reciting the ordinal numbers from one to one hundred.

The Personality of His Parishioner.

Sometimes what appears to be a very wicked wish may turn out to be entirely proper and kind. Of a certain man who had just died a sweet tempered, Christian neighbor said solemnly: "John Stark is dead, and I hope he has gone to ——." Well, one of Mr. Vanderbilt's dashes will express the locality. The minister was shocked. "And what could he have done to you," he asked, "that you indulge in a wish of that kind?" "Oh," was the reply, "my hope was based on my love for my fellow men. John was a queer body. He never belonged to an organization of any kind, but he somehow managed to smash the whole thing in a little while, and I thought if he had gone to the place above mentioned there wouldn't be much of it left by the time you and I get—I beg pardon, parson."

Professor J. H. Campbell reports to the governor of Indiana that he has surveyed the Kankakee swamp lands for a distance of eighty-one miles, and finds the average slope to be one and four-tenths feet to the mile, with a mean elevation of ninety feet above Lake Michigan. The territory which might thus be reclaimed is 623,805 acres.

PERSONALITIES.

Something on the Men and Manners of the Hour.

THEIR QUIRKS AND QUAINTNESS.

The Oddities and Eccentricities of the Men Whose Names are Linked with the Kinescopic Century.

A Georgia man is named Potiphar, and no woman will marry him.

Motto for Uncle Sam: "Millions for defence, but not a copper for William E. Chandler to handle."

Pere Hyacinthe says "ideal marriages are rare." Now, an ideal marriage ought to be well done, hadn't it?

S. C. Abramson, whose leg was broken in a tunnel collision in New York, has settled with the Central road for $6000.

Heaven's best gift to man is woman. This being the case, some old woman ought to spare President Arthur a wife as a Christmas present.

The Cincinnati *Times-Star* says that if Uncle Rufus Hatch is all straight on his Bible history, Joseph created the first "corner" in corn.

Herbert Spencer is accustomed to carry around with him a bag of hops, which, when placed under his head, sometimes has a soporific effect.

The republicans can now count on the support of Col. Tom Ochiltree. He says he "will vote anti work for a democratic candidate for the presidency."

Jay Gould is to have a magnificent steam yacht. It may have been this fact which gave rise to the rumor that he intended to capture the ship of state.

Lieutenant Flipper, the young negro who was dismissed from the United States army for embezzlement, has been appointed captain in the Mexican army.

Mary Rowe, a prisoner in a New York jail, donned a heavy veil and was politely shown to the door by a stupid jailer. She will remember "taking the veil."

Mr. Henry H. Faxon lives in a country town and has got mixed up in a Katy-did case. Kate sued him for assault, but that wasn't the kick-her he was after.

Captain Mayne Reid has at last got his pension ($2340 arrears and $15 a month for the rest of his life) for the gunshot wound he received at the storming of Chapultepec.

President Arthur still retains a lively interest in his college society, the Psi Upsilon. He recently gave the Union College Chapter $100 to aid in erecting a chapter house.

Two brothers named Morris have been arrested in New York for stabbing an amateur musician. Self-protection doesn't seem to be any excuse for a man in New York.

Poor Jack Cole, the Jeannette seaman who was driven crazy by his hardships, has not yet regained his reason, and the doctors say he probably never will be in his right mind.

Gustave Dore has just had the foundation laid for his magnificent new mansion in Paris, directly opposite the princely palace built by the late M. Menier, of chocolate-making fame.

Baron Nordenskiold is getting ready for another Arctic expedition, which is to set out from Stockholm next summer under the patronage of Wilhelm Schonlenck, a Berlin merchant.

William W. Story, the sculptor, is now in Boston with his wife, who revisits her old home there for the first time in seventeen years, having constantly resided in Rome during that period.

King Louis, the eccentric monarch of Bavaria, has arranged to have Wagner's opera Parsifal performed this month at the Munich opera house, where he himself is to constitute the entire audience.

Jay Gould is, it is said, looking for illustrations for the tombstone to be erected upon the new $40,000 plot bought at Woodland Cemetery. How would a shorn lamb do? It would be kind of suggestive of life's work.

Chicago *Tribune*: "General Swaim declines to talk about the letter which Dorsey is said to have written to Garfield. When a democratic campaign committee is in session it is a wise man that knows his own letter."

Arabi has written to Wilfred Blunt saying he would prefer to live in Damascus; or, if that is impossible, in London. He says he finds continental hotels when England has carried out her good work she will permit him to return.

The forty-ninth anniversary of the Most Reverend John Baptist Purcell's consecration as first archbishop of Cincinnati, was quietly celebrated by that venerable prelate, the other day, at the little village of St. Martin's, Ohio.

In the matter of complexion, Sunflower Wilde does not compare favorably with the "Jersey Lily." A morning paper states that several pimples on Oscar's chin completed his ruddiness. Only has suddenly been inoculated with too much humor.

Ever since Friday last friends of Horatio C. Welsh, of Allentown, Pa., have been hunting for him, and so far have succeeded in finding only a half of a cigarboxfull of him. He was blown up with nitro-glycerine in his own factory where the explosive was made.

"Dr. Wiggins" is the newest weather crank of Canada. He says on Sunday, March 11th, 1883, at 5 o'clock P. M., London time, as the hour for a great storm "to strike this planet." Did anybody ever hear of a storm striking this planet from the outside?—*Bos. Post.*

The Rev. J. C. Sullivan was the elderly and respected pastor of the Methodist church at Salem, Ohio, but he had to resign when it came out that he stole to young Mrs. Halwig, one of his converts: "I hunger to press your panting, pretty, and persimmon like lips to mine."

Vennor's almanac for 1883 lies before us. Don't misunderstand us. We don't mean to say—well, what we do mean is that we have received a copy, and that it contains sixty pages of statements regarding the extent, quality and durability of next year's weather.—*Texas Siftings.*

Dr. Evans, the American dentist at Paris, lost $10,000 per year for nine years before he suspected his secretary with dishonesty. Such an unsuspicious man naturally wouldn't suspect that he was hurting you when he grabbed you by a tooth, and yanked you out of a chair to the floor.

Judge Monroe, of New Orleans, has decided that Oliver Burne, of Virginia, shall become residuary legatee of Mr. Burnside's immense estate. Mr. Burnside, whose death occurred several months ago, left several million dollars, most of which will go to Mr. Burne, a distant relative.

Prince Bismarck confesses that he was "lucky enough not to be forced to learn the piano." He says he has no ear for music, and that this deficiency was discovered early enough in life to save him and others much misery. If all parents were only as discerning as Bismarck's father how much torture the world would be spared.

In an interview a few days ago Oscar Wilde said he wished to go to Australia but could not find a good fellow to accompany him. Now that Arabi is exiled, he should join forces with the latter. Arabi, with his fez, and Oscar, with knee breeches and lily would prove a great attraction. This seems to be a grand chance for both men.

The post office authorities are somewhat bothered about the proper destination of a postal card directed to "Jamey Bone, alias Jas. E. Mulherren," in care of Mike Flynn, or his sister Julia, or her cousin Mary Ann, corner of a street with no number, Pottsville, retail huckster and tin horn artist. If not there, next door."—*Pott's, Min. Jour.*

Mr. Rice, the lately deceased, and really business member of the Rice & Besant firm in novel writing, was a stiff bargainer with publishers, and the chief planner, Mr. Besant having the best literary execution. Both he and his partner held positions that paid them a good income aside from their literary work. He was a genial, good-natured man, with a Jewish look, used to be fond of the surf, and played a dashing game at loo. He died in consequence of gangrene in the jaw, following the cutting of a wisdom tooth, which occasioned blood poison.

This story is told of a scene in the Western Union Telegraph offices in New York: A number of gentlemen interested in stock operations were clustered around the tape, all vowing each other anxiously, to read the quotations. A little man with black beard entered and approached the tape, which he could hardly reach. A big, burly, good-natured fellow in the crowd took him by the sleeve and saying, patron izingly, "You are a little fellow, and we will let you in," shoved him into position. The little man smiled and looked at him through the corner of his eye, glanced at the tape, thanked his new-found friend, and retired. An amused bystander stepped up and said: "Do you know who that is?" "No," said the other. "Well, that was Jay Gould." Tableau.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—When the house adjourned last night, after the adoption by good majorities, the free ship and free material propositions, which had been offered as an amendment to the substitute for the 18th section of the shipping bill, there was considerable difference of opinion as to what would be done to-day. Men who were active in the defense of the opinion in behalf of the ship builders bounty clause embodied in the proposed substitute, while not at all pleased with the action of the house in agreeing to the free ships and free material clause, were willing to take the substitute as amended if they could get nothing better, and the free ship men however, who favored the bounty clause as a separate proposition, avowed their determination to defeat the bounty proposition sooner than have the bill pass the free ship clause. The free ship men who proposed the bounty scheme made a similar threat, as to the substitute if the bounty clause were not eliminated. In view of these threats it was thought by some that the substitutes would fail of adoption, and the free ships proposition and bounty scheme would both fall to the ground and this was the result to-day. Early in the day a vote was taken on the substitute offered by Mr. Page, as amended yesterday, and which as amended included three propositions, of free ships, free materials and drawbacks on bounties to ship-builders. This was agreed to by a vote of 134 to 96. The negative votes were cast by those who were unalterably opposed to free ships and this vote showed their strength, but when a proposition was made later in the day to strike out the section as agreed to in the first vote the anti-free ship men rallied their full strength in its favor and were reinforced by members who favored the free ships proposition but opposed bounty scheme, and who hope, by striking out this section, to get a vote on the free ship clause as a distinct proposition, and the result was the striking out of the section by a vote of 159 to 54. Then the full strength of the free ships element was shown in a subsequent proposition to recommit the bill with instructions to amend so as to provide for free ships and free material without bounties to ship builders which proposition was defeated by 77 to 131. Only four eastern men voted for the proposition to recommit with instructions—Cox, of New York, Beach and Beaumont, of New York and Hardenburg of New Jersey. The other seventy three votes came from the west and south.

The bill, as finally agreed to is emasculated although it makes some important changes in the shipping laws, removing some of the burdens from the shipping, the principal of these are the repeal of the American shipping commissioner's act, lightening of tonnage and hospital tax on seamen and the repeal of the three months' wages law.

The proposition to exempt vessels in the foreign carrying trade from state and municipal taxation was withdrawn by Mr. Page, in view of the opposition to it and the proposed postal subsidy amendment was defeated by a vote of 33 to 73.

THE EMERALD ISLE.

Matters Pertaining to the Land of the People whose Trials and Tribulations are Numerous.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The *Citizen* prints the following London cable: The nationalists do not indulge in too extravagant hopes in respect to the issue of the Mallow election. Its constituency numbers but 360 voters, 70 of whom are tories who will vote in the whig interest. At the last election the national candidate—P. Woode Kelly—polled only 54 votes against Johnson, whig. There are three candidates. O'Brien will win but Morrarity an ambitious young barrister, the son of a local attorney of some prominence, the second whig candidate will undoubtedly be squired.

Parnell has received £385 from the Ancient Order of Hibernians of New York city and county for the relief of the suffering peasantry in the west and northwest. He has already sent £100 to Father Gallagher, of Glancollumbkille parish county Donegal, and £50 to Father Flynne of Drumshambo, Leitrim. Other sums will be sent immediately to other distressed districts. It is confidently expected that Lord Lieutenant Spencer will in a few days withdraw his circular refusing to establish works and prohibiting the poor law guardians from establishing outdoor relief. Spencer's course in these matters has been strongly condemned even in England.

Secretary Trevellyan's trip to Donegal is probably undertaken for the purpose of giving the Irish government an excuse for backing down.

John Dillon, Matthew Harris and Father Eugene Sheehy finished auditing Egan's account in Paris some weeks ago. Father Sheehy and Harris are now engaged on auditing the league accounts in Dublin.

Sexton a member for Sligo has been presented with a purse of five hundred guineas by his Sligo constituents.

Lord Spencer continues making a vigorous war against the national league. He evidently is determined to prevent the propagation of the doctrines enunciated in the league programme. Speeches are taken by official reporters as in the days of the land league. The prominent men of Cork county, John O'Brien of Cork City, Galbraith, of Bantry, and Hoops of Ballydehob, the two latter suspects, have been sent to jail during the past week, for advising the people not to take farms from which parties have been evicted or to pay back rents.

Nearly a dozen meetings in connection with the national league have been suppressed during the past fortnight, including the meeting, advertised at Clifford Sligo and at which Sexton and Healy were expected to speak.

"FURRING."

A Contest in Which Two "Men" Kicked Each Other on The Shins.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.—David McWilliams, a coal miner living in Plymouth, Luzerne county, and Robert D. Tavish, a saloon keeper of Manoquirk, made a match a short time ago to "purr for $250 a side. 'Furring' is a scientific shin kicking and the contestant who is most agile and best able to stand punishment, wins the battle. They fought shortly after midnight Thursday night in Camden and McWilliams won in 23 rounds. The men were bare-legged from the knee to the ankle, and each wore No. 7 brogans. Both were very much exhausted after an hour's kicking and Tavish wanted to quit, but his friend insisted he should go on. McWilliams' shins were bruised cut and bruised, but were nothing when compared with Tavish's. In the next four rounds McWilliams went as he liked. Every time he kicked he inflicted an ugly cut or bruise. In the twenty second round Tavish's friends could not stop the flow of blood. Tavish could not walk without assistance, and when he attempted to kick with the foot next to the last witness the pain was so great that he fell. McWilliams was declared the winner. The only bone broken in the fight was in the musician's instrument case.

Suicide of a Villain.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Yesterday Rudolf Meyer of Worms killed himself. While lingering in the Rue Rivoli Inspector Misse P. Rieux noticed a man following Meyer and suspecting that the latter had caused him to commit the theft. They had an exciting battery with the individual and their paraphernalia of the industrial art. Later on Meyer was found in the Rue Rivoli dead. He had shot himself through the mouth. In his pocket was found a letter from Meyer to his wife, in which he stated that he was about to commit suicide. Finally he left a letter to his friend named Bird in which he declared that he was a villain. The interview was very touching. Bird was at a great speed. From what can be learned from the statements of friends of the deceased Meyer was a worthless character of the deepest dye. Owing to his evil habits he was unable to commission was in relation to a large amount of money entrusted to him by a wealthy family of Worms. Meyer was about fifty years of age. The Worms authorities were notified of the suicide.

A Boston Blaze.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—The building on Beach street occupied by David Smith's manufactory of boilers and steam fittings and Joseph Love's file-cutting and moulding pattern shop was damaged by fire to the extent of $50 000.

Only One of the Many.

LYNN, Jan. 13.—Dr. Wm. McDonald has brought suit claiming $10,000 damages against Rev. Patrick Shaw of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church who charged that the physician was unreliable and advised the people not to employ him.

The Broken Bank.

NEWARK CITY, N. J., Jan. 13.—Depositors of the broken City bank have formed an association to wind up the affairs quickly. Boyce the president has gone to jail for not furnishing $10 000 bail. There is no imposition on the part of the directors to prosecute Cashier Shaw.

Another Songstress Turned Loose in our Domains.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The steamship Pavonia with Albani on board arrived early to night and the quarantine steamboat Blackbird placed at the disposal of Col. Mapleson by ex-Congressman John H. Starin carried a distinguished party down the bay to meet the famous songstress. Albani and party by right of special permit from the quarantine authorities stopped on board the Blackbird as soon as the Pavonia dropped anchor and steamed up to the city. Albani is in excellent health.

Economy Inaugurated.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—The *Post* (Dem.) will to-morrow under the head of "Economy Inaugurated" publish the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Jan. 2, 1883.

DEAR SIR.—His excellency the governor directs me to request you to discontinue sending the *Post* to the executive departments as it has no further use for it. Yours truly,

C. F. HAMLIN,
Executive Clerk.

The *Post* will say editorially: We publish in another column a communication from the executive chamber which shows the new governor has begun his work of retrenchment in earnest by discontinuing the use of the Boston *Post* sent to the executive department, thus saving the state $9 a year. Far be it from us to murmur. Never should it be said of us that for such a paltry consideration we stood in the way of great economic reform.

Almost a Panic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—There was a slight panic in the Union Square theater last night when a musician's instrument case taking fire from a gas jet under the stage near the door by which the musicians enter the orchestra, in the second act of a Parisian romance. The pungent smoke from the burning case was forced out the audience. Several persons moved uneasily in their seats and whispered. The first persons to leave their seats were the Misses Lawrence of the New York Mail. The theater was packed and with bated breath hundreds of the Misses Lawrence were expecting and excited. What the matter? Mr. A. M. Palmer who was in the stage box, called out: "Don't be alarmed, if you lose your heads in a thing like the matter it shocks us from a free fight." Quieting assured Mr. Richard Mansfield on the stage that the rotation of the Grand Central also reassured the audience and the performance went on.

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